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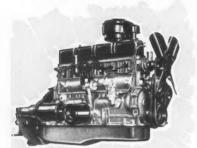


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Obviously it is not necessary to tell you that this is the annual Vocation Number of your JOURNAL. We have assembled all kinds of practical material to aid you in promoting vocations during this month of St. Joseph and throughout the year. A bishop, priests, Sisters, a Brother, and even school pupils have contributed material—discussions, practical programs, verse, dramatizations, and pictures.

While providing space for all these vocation features, we have not forgotten your need for practical aids in other fields, from the kindergarten to the high school.

#### N.C.E.A. CONVENTION

Don't forget the 49th annual convention of your Association. It will be held in Kansas City, Mo., April 15–18. In the April issue we shall show you some of the sights (especially the Catholic and educational ones) and a brief summary of the program. For hotel or other reservations write to Rev. Richard J. Schumacher, N.C.E.A. Housing Bureau, 1030 Baltimore St., Third Floor, Kansas City 6, Mo.

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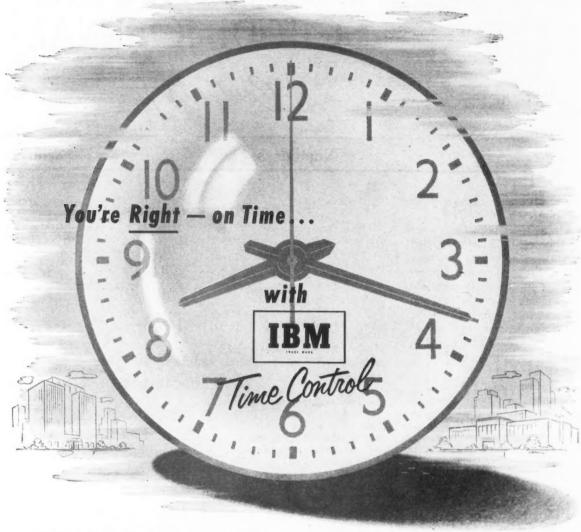
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#### Evaluation of Audio-Visual Aids

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#### S.V.E. NEW FILM STRIPS

Latest additions to the film-strip library of the Society for Visual Education Inc., 1345 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Ill. are four new sets: Children's Stories, Basic Spanish, North American Indians and Eskimos, and Great American Frontiersmen.

Children's Stories — a set of six color film strips for primary grades. Individual titles are: Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Boy, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Little Black Sambo, and Rumpelstiltskin. These strips consist of original captioned illustrations which tell the leading incidents of the story. Text frames preserve the story continuity. This set was designed to strengthen primary vocabularies, encourage storytelling, give appreciation for folk tales, and provide variation in reading methods.

Basic Spanish, Set B—a set of five black and white strips for junior high through college levels. This is the second set of this Spanish series (Set A was released in August, 1951) and provides drawings illustrating basic Spanish words and phrases considered most common and useful in simple conversation. The titles are: Going Shopping, Traveling, Food and Clothing, Amusements, and School.

North American Indians and Eskimos—a set of six black and white film strips for intermediate through college levels. This set was prepared by the University Museum, Philadelphia, Pa., and consists of actual photographs of museum specimens, maps, and diagrams, captioned and subtitled. These strips treat theories of emigration of early man, the culture pattern of the various Indian tribes, prehistoric man in North America, and Eskimos. Individual titles are: Early Man in North America, Life of the Woodland Indians, Life of the Pueblo Indians, Arts and Crafts of the American Indian, Life of the Eskimo, and Life of the Plains Indian.

Great American Frontiersmen—a set of five color strips for use with intermediate through junior high groups. This is the second set to be released in a series entitled "Stories of Great Americans." The first set, "Great American Presidents," was released in October, 1951. The series consists of original color drawings, captioned, which bring to life the boyhood, manhood, and personal qualities of these outstanding Americans and the services they rendered to their country. Individual titles are: Story of Daniel Boone, Story of David Crockett, Story of Kit Carson, Story of Brigham Young, Story of Buffalo Bill.

#### NEW DOWLING FILM STRIPS

A new series of four film strips dealing with trees, lumber, and forest conservation has just been completed by Pat Dowling Pic-

tures, 1056 So. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles 35, Calif.

#### Trees and Forest Conservation Series (Intermediate Level)

1. How Trees Grow (25 frames) explains, by drawings and photographs, the structure of trees and how they attain their growth. The pictures trace the steps by which water and minerals are obtained from the earth, how they reach the growing parts of the tree, and how food is manufactured in the tree leaves by the action of water, minerals, and elements from the air.

2. Trees—The Oldest and Largest Living Things (23 frames) contains pictures of some of the oldest and largest trees in the world, such as the California sequoias and junipers. Pictures some of the most famous big trees. It tells how the age of ancient trees has been determined by study of the rings.

3. Why Trees are Important (29 frames) tells the uses of trees, the most important of which is to furnish lumber. It shows how trees are harvested for lumber and how lumber and plywood are made at the mill.

4. Growing Trees for Tomorrow (48 frames) tells the importance of conservation methods of managing our forests so that supplies of forest products can be grown for future use. Four sequences of the film strip deal with: (a) Protecting Present Forests, (b) Aiding Natural Reforestation, (c) Replacing Tree Losses, and (d) Harvesting Trees by Conservation Methods.

This series of film strips was produced with the co-operation of the U. S. Forest Service, the American Forest Products Industries, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, and a number of private timber companies who furnished technical assistance.

#### About Ocean Freighters (Elementary and Intermediate Level)

1. The Ocean Freighter (37 frames) shows how goods are shipped to other countries by means of cargo ships. Drawings show how a freighter is constructed to hold cargo, how different kinds of goods are loaded, and how the various goods are protected during an ocean voyage.

2. Operating a Freighter at Sea (50 frames) shows the work of the different officers and crew members in operating and caring for a freight ship during a trip at sea. Pictures taken during an actual overseas voyage illustrate how the ship is navigated, how radar and other devices are used, how the engines propel the ship, and how other essential operations are conducted.

#### Film Strips About Water (Intermediate Level)

1. Why Water Is Important (25 frames)

pictures the many uses of water and why water is such an important natural resource. Scenes illustrate the necessity of water for people and animals to live, for plants to grow, for cleanliness, for transportation, and for recreation.

2. The Water Cycle (38 frames) explains, by the use of numerous drawings as well as pictures, the natural process by which water is formed during the movement of warm and cold air currents, how moisture reaches the earth, and how it returns to the air. The circulation of water by precipitation, absorption, evaporation, and transpiration is explained.

3. How Water Power Produces Electricity (41 frames) shows how water power was used in early times to make things run, and how the same principle is employed today to produce electricity. Pictures and diagrams show the sources of water, how turbines and generators create electricity at dams, and how electricity is transmitted to homes.

4. Conserving Water and Soil (30 frames) shows how water and soil are natural resources that work together for the benefit of people. It explains how uncontrolled water causes damage and the things that people can do to protect the soil through control of water.

This series of film strips was produced with the co-operation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, and the U. S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation. These agencies furnished valuable technical information and illustrations.

#### Early American Living (Elementary Level)

The Pioneer Fire Room (30 frames) illustrates how family life in a pioneer home centered around the fireplace. Two pioneer women are shown in the fire room at their daily tasks. The pictures were taken in the Early-American room at the Chicago Historical Society and all of the furniture and household utensils shown in use are of the authentic colonial period.

#### U. S. GOVERNMENT FILMS

(Available through United World Films)

#### Agriculture and Forestry

Do It With E's: A Forest Service safety training film demonstrating through examples the three E's of safety in forestry—education, engineering, and enforcement.

USDA; 23 min., color.

Your Enemy: Grasshopper — Damage caused by grasshoppers; life cycle of the grasshopper; reasons for outbreaks; and control methods.

USDA; 23 min., color.

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#### Audio-Visual Aids

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#### **Business and Industry**

How to Conduct a Meeting - Proper procedure to be followed in conducting a meeting so that the decisions reached will be representative of majority opinion. Produced for civilian use in Occupied Areas. USA; 20 min.

An Object Lesson in Fire Prevention -Fire hazards and means of protection in aviation overhaul and repair shops; importance of constant vigilance in day-to-day practices. Primarily for management and supervisory personnel

USN; MN 6896; 21 min.

#### Geography

Children's Guardian - A school janitor, influenced by his love for children, brings about school reforms in the community, thus aiding Japanese students. Produced for civilian use in Japan.

USA; 40 min.

TVA Town - Transformation of Decatur, Ala., from a small town to an industrial city as a consequence of the development of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Produced for civilian use in Occupied Areas. USA; 26 min.

#### Health and Recreation

Equipment for Hand Spraying With DDT -Types of hand sprayers; trucks used in spraying operations; necessary spare parts and tools for field work.

USPHS; 5-084; 67 fr. with disk: 13 min.

Food Handling. Part I: Basic Principles of Refrigeration - Importance of refrigeration in the preservation of food; care and maintenance of refrigerators.

USPHS; F 21-a; 71 fr. with disk: 14 min.

Food Handling. Part II: Refrigerated Food Storage Principles - How to use a refrigerator most effectively for the preservation of

USPHS; F 21-b; 62 fr. with disk: 12 min.

Fundamentals of Detergents - Basic principles of cleaning; uses of detergents; varieties of detergents; need for choosing detergent with chemical composition best suited to cleaning job.

USPHS; 5-079; 72 fr. with disk: 9 min.

High Temperature Short Time Pasteurization - Procedures to be followed by a milk sanitarian in inspecting, testing, and understanding the complex equipment that controls the pasteurization of milk by the HTST method - heating to at least 161° for not less than 15 seconds.

USPHS; M 10-a; 21 min.

Home Safety and Health Department-Prevalence of home accidents; hazards in the homes; necessity for home safety; assistance given by health departments in promoting home safety.

USPHS; 5-118; 91 fr. with disk: 15 min.

Oral Hygiene: Toothbrush Technique -Prevalence of tooth decay; need for periodic oral prophylaxis; home care of teeth including proper use of toothbrush.

USPHS; 5-135; 30 fr. with disk: 5 min.

The Production and Processing of Oysters - Growing, shucking, packing, handling, and shipping oysters; need for sanitation. USPHS; 5-098; 90 fr. with disk: 9 min.

#### History

Blood and Bullets - Need for blood donations; use of blood transfusion in Korea; procedure for donating blood. USA; AFSR 124; 14 min.

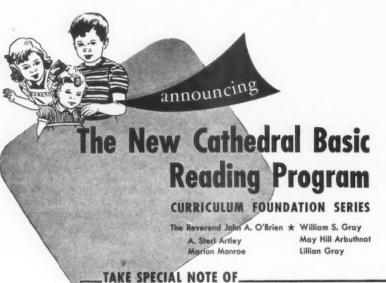
Reds Launch Spring Offensive - The Korean War, April 20-May 20, 1951. USA; CB 110; 15 min.

Turning the Tide - The Korean War, August 10-September 20, 1950. Animation and combat footage.

USA; CB 102; 22 min.

UN Forces Cross the 38th Parallel - (1) Korean War, March 20-April 20, 1951. (2)

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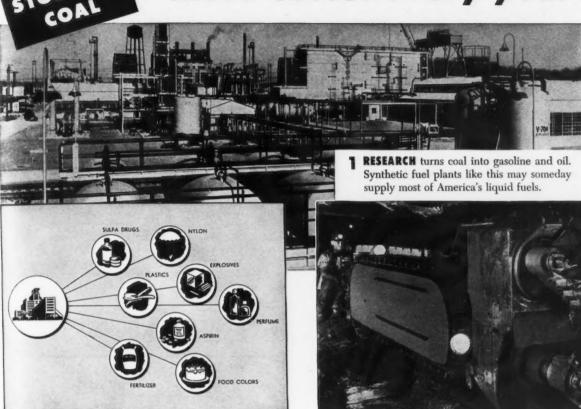
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#### Audio-Visual Aids

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General Eisenhower announces activation of SHAPE headquarters.

USA; CB 109; 19 min.

#### Natural and Physical Sciences

The Analytical Balance: Basic Principles— How to use the analytical balance to measure minute quantities of matter to the nearest 1/1000 gram.

USPHS; M 12; 19 min.

Identification of U. S. Species of Anopheles Larvae — Introductory taxonomic information and methods of distinguishing Anopheles larvae from larvae of other mosquitoes and aquatic insects.

USPHS; 5-061; 78 fr. with disk: 16 min.

An Introduction to Bacteriology. Part I: Basic Biology of Bacteria — What bacteria are; how they differ in type; how they feed and multiply; how they are controlled through boiling, freezing, and pickling. Elementary film for nonprofessional audiences.

USPHS; 5-174; 56 fr. color with disk: 7 min. An Introduction to Bacteriology. Part II: Identifying Pathogens — Methods of identifying pathogenic bacteria in milk, water, and food which cause typhoid fever, dysentery, septic sore throat, tuberculosis, brucellosis, infant diarrhea, botulism, and acute food poisoning.

USPHS; 5-175; 64 fr. color with disk; 9 min.

#### Political and Social Sciences

Board of Education — Residents of a rural community in the U.S. organize to obtain a modern consolidated school and improved educational opportunities for their children. Prepared originally for use in Occupied Areas. USA; 23 min.

Evaluating a Nation — Concepts for evaluating the strength of a nation in terms of national and global power; relationship of those concepts to the Communist scheme of world conquest; and the need for sending American troops to Europe.

USA; AFIF 18; 19 min.

Leaders of Tomorrow — Japanese teen-age boys and girls preparing to become leaders of tomorrow in their own communities by studying principles of democracy at youth centers sponsored by the American Red Cross and SCAP. Produced for civilian use in Japan. USA; 20 min.

Letter to a Friend — Establishment of a "pen pals" club in Japan in order that Japanese boys and girls may correspond directly with boys and girls of their own age in the U.S. Produced for civilian use in Japan. USA; 20 min.

A Story of Goodwill—Four students at International House (Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and Filipino) discuss assistance given their countries by the United States. South Korean and Chinese tell how their people are being enslaved by the Communists. Pre-

pared originally for use in Occupied Areas. USA; 19 min.

Working Through College — Assistance provided a college student in finding a job to help meet expenses and provide practical work experience. Prepared originally for Occupied Areas.

USA; 20 min.

World in a Schoolroom — Citizens of Manhasset, L. I., N.Y., give demonstrations of their various skills in the schoolroom so that students may benefit from seeing the practical application of principles and techniques. Prepared originally for use in Occupied Areas. USA; 17 min.

#### U. S. Government

This Is West Point — Activities and training of cadets at the U. S. Military Academy. USA; M 7726; 28 min.

This Is Your Navy—Major components of the U. S. Navy, including fighting ships, supporting activities, and long-range programs of research and training.

Thou Shalt Have Faith — Army Field Band Choral Group singing "Ave Maria," and "The Lord Is My Shepherd"; background scenes of religious paintings.
USA; M 7806; 7 min.

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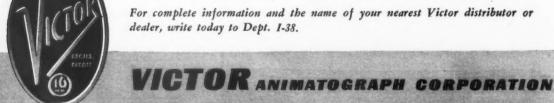
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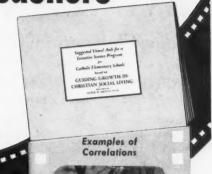
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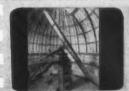


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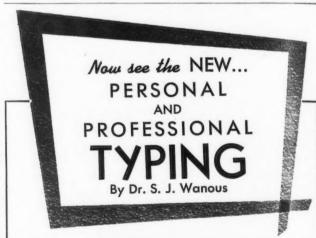
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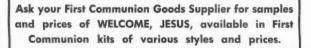
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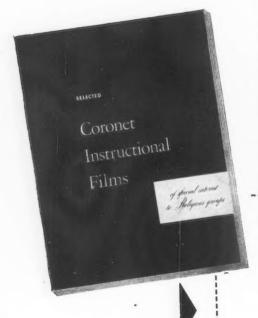
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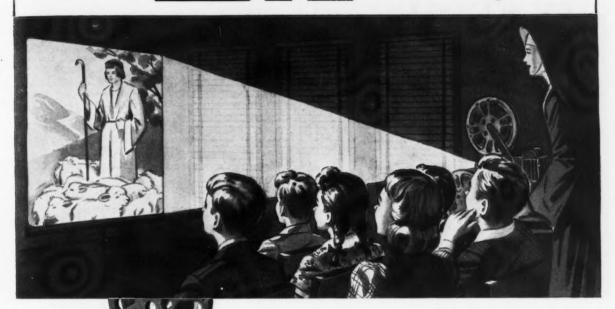
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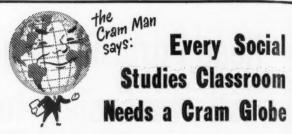
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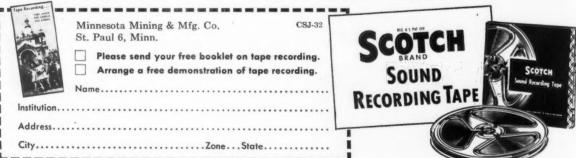


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# Fostering Vocations in Elementary and High Schools

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MICHELANGELO, perhaps the greatest artist and sculptor of all times, while painting the inspiring frescoes which adorn the Sistine Chapel in St. Peter's, Vatican City, having completed his painting if the Crucifixion and having put such life and reality into this painting, was himself overcome with emotion, and wept. As he visualized, through his own gifted brush, the scene of the first Good Friday, when Jesus Christ, the Saviour and the Redeemer of the world, was crucified between two thieves on Mount Calvary, as a sacrifice for the Redemption of the world. Michaelangelo cried out, "And nobody thinks of it."

In every convent, school, and institution of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, in the Diocese of Wheeling, under every Crucifix hangs the memorable words,

"And nobody thinks of it."

The Sisters of St. Joseph, in consecrating their lives and their talents to the service of the Crucified Christ, through these inspirational words, ever keep before their minds the thought of Jesus Crucified. With this inspiration ever before them, with greater zeal for souls and a greater love for their Saviour and Redeemer, as all religious do, they daily go into the halls of their orphanages, into the wards and rooms of their hospitals, and into the classrooms of their schools, to enlighten and lead the souls entrusted to their care to an appreciation of the Sacrifice on Mount Calvary. Their one hope is that, by their example and works, they will inspire vocations, so that others will be attracted to their religious life by being constantly reminded, by the Crucifix and the inscription under it, that so few ever give thought to the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross for the salvation of the world. If others would only give themselves time to think, they could also make that first Good Friday better known and understood by offering themselves to the service of Jesus Crucified.

The Church needs more workers to convert the world at home and abroad to a knowledge of Christ and Christ Crucified. Here in the United States with a Catholic population of more than thirty million, God and religion are not getting even a fair share of those who might labor in a particular way for their personal perfection and for the good of souls. Our institutions are undermanned. There is hardly a diocese in this country, there is not a religious community, that could not double the number of its priests and Sisters and Brothers with profit to the Kingdom of God on earth. Hungry souls must go without spiritual nourishment, children must be deprived of Catholic education, orphans and the sick must be entrusted to the tender mercies of a nonsectarian city or state, because our young men and women will not give themselves in sufficient numbers to the service of God. Perhaps we priests and religious must shoulder a great deal of the blame, that today "The laborers are few, although the harvest awaiting us is great.'

#### Is This Intelligent?

Educators will dispute about the proper age for selecting a lifework. Yet we see young men and women going through our schools and wandering aimlessly without a serious thought as to their future. Some few, it is true, stumble upon a desirable lifework: others, however, through the expensive trial and error method, come eventually to a satisfactory adjustment. Many will graduate from high school and college without any plans for the future and perhaps spoil a happy and successful career because they did not plan their life during

the years preceding graduation. Happiness in life is generally carved out of plans, and successful careers are those which have been planned. Consequently, student direction and counsel play such an important part in the future of young men and women. To idle away one's time in youth, to make no deliberate attempt to discover the will of God, or even to delay overmuch in coming to a decision is to run the risk of spoiling one's entire life, perhaps even of risking one's salvation.

#### Who Shall Lead?

In our direction and contact with youth, we as priests and religious, having at heart the interest of the extension of God's Kingdom on earth and the salvation of souls, must ever be on the lookout for those chosen souls who are being interiorly called to the service of the Master, but who need the interest and the example of God's representatives to give them the courage to come forth and make that important decision to accept the invitation of the Master, "If thou wilt be perfect, go sell what thou hast and give to the poor and come follow Me."

It is true to say that a vocation comes from above, but God's designs can be hindered or helped by His creatures, and He has ever made use of secondary agents in their execution. The formation of character and the direction of the steps of the young toward the sanctuary is largely in the hands of parents and teachers. How many a happy priest and religious daily thank their Master for the gift of a good mother or father, a priest, a Sister, or a Brother, who first sowed the seeds of a vocation in their childish heart. Fathers and mothers constantly put before their children the various callings and professions of life to help them in their choice. Is the

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grandest life of all, the service of the King of kings, the battling for precious souls, and the extension of Christ's Kingdom to be ignored and never mentioned? If parents are failing to encourage vocations, all the more should the parish priest and the Sister and Brother assume this obligation.

#### "I Have Chosen You"

A vocation or a call to the priesthood or the religious life is a free gift of God bestowed on those whom He selects. "You have not chosen Me," He said to His disciples, "but I have chosen you," and the Evangelist tells us that "Christ called unto Him, whom He willed." The elements composing the vocation to the priesthood or the religious life are given authoritatively in Canon 538: "Any Catholic can be admitted to the religious life, who is not bound by legitimate impediment, who is moved by a right intention, and who is fitted to bear the burdens of this life.'

Often that invitation is extended to those whom we would least expect. Hence we must be alert to encourage any youth who shows signs of a vocation to the priest-

hood or the religious life.

The Apostles were called by the audible voice of Jesus. St. Paul was stricken from his horse as by a bolt of lightning and heard the cry, "Saul, Saul." But these calls were extraordinary and they enjoyed a privilege which no one has the right to expect. Most of us had to prepare ourselves to answer the call we heard within us, by prayer and watching and inward battling, perhaps even with anguish of soul.

#### God's Ambassadors

The vast number of those now in God's army were probably determined to enlist by the personal influence of some priest, or Sister or Brother. Sometimes, perhaps, that influence was unconsciously exerted; though more often, probably it was consciously exerted.

The following is a list of some of the ordinary indications of a vocation, taken principally from the works of Father Gautrelet, S.J., and especially his Retreat Manual. No one is expected to have all

these marks:

1. A desire to have a religious vocation, together with the conviction that God is calling you. This desire is generally most strongly felt when the soul is calm, after Holy Communion, and in time of retreat.

2. A growing attraction for prayer and holy things in general, together with a longing for a hidden life and a desire to be more closely united to God.

3. To have a hatred of the world, a conviction of its hollowness and insufficiency to satisfy the soul. This feeling is generally strongest in the midst of wordly amuse-

4. A fear of sin, into which it is so easy to fall, and a longing to escape from the dangers and temptations of the world.

5. It is sometimes the sign of a vocation when a person fears that God may call them; when he prays not to have it and cannot banish the thought from his mind. If the vocation is sound, it will soon give place to an attraction, though Father Lehmkuhl says: "One need not have a natural inclination for the religious life; on the contrary, a divine vocation is compatible with a natural repugnance for that state."

6. To have zeal for souls. To realize something of the value of an immortal soul, and to desire to co-operate in their salva-

7. To desire to devote our whole life to obtain the conversion of one dear to us.

8. To desire to atone for our own sins or those of others, and to fly from the temptations which we feel too weak to resist.

9. An attraction for the state of virginity.

10. The happiness which the thought of religious life brings, its spiritual helps, its peace, merit, and reward.

11. A longing to sacrifice oneself and abandon all for the love of Jesus Christ,

and to suffer for His sake.

At least the above will help us in distinguishing those whom we could encourage toward the priesthood or the religious life.

#### Counsel for Counselors

From attending the Vocation Institutes held annually during the past few years at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., under the direction of Rev. John Wilson, C.S.C., and from our regional meetings on vocations held under the auspices of the Missionary Union of the Clergy, the following suggestions were gathered for the priest and religious as a means of encouraging young men and women, in whom we discovered signs of a vocation.

All of us know that God is the sole author of vocations, but no one of us would say that God does not require our co-operation in bringing the vocation to its fruition. There must be interest on our part and we must consider this interest a personal responsibility. We must not be too greatly discouraged regarding the small number of vocations in this country for the priesthood and the religious life. Rather should our Blessed Lord be discouraged that so many of us do not use our Godgiven talents and powers to encourage vocations.

Let us contact personally those in whom we see signs of a vocation, making them understand that we are not forcing them but that our only purpose is to help them find their vocation,

To start off, we ourselves must give evidence of personal holiness. God works through saintly priests and religious. Holiness is a magnetic power. It attracts souls. It moves heaven and earth.

We must give good example - young men and women are disappointed when they do not find in our personal lives the ideals they expect.

We must have understanding and sympathy. Young boys and girls are living in an age when they are greatly affected by the conditions which surround them. pleasures, dress, and entertainment.

We must be cheerful. The young wonder if we are happy in our calling. If we are pleasant and agreeable, we shall present a strong argument in favor of the priest-

hood and religious life.

Personal contact is very important. The Holy Father, a few years ago, published a pastoral, Cum Nobis, bringing to the attention of the clergy and religious the need of taking an interest in youth, and the guidance, encouragement, and the inspiration they should give in behalf of vocations. We know that Canon 1353 reiterates this obligation, especially on the part of pastors.

In 1912, Pope Pius X made it clear that vocation was not an interior impulse alone. but consisted in a moral, ordinary intellectual, and physical fitness plus the desire which is not alone emotional. If we find these qualities in a boy or girl it is our positive obligation to go after that youth and suggest the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or the religious life as the plan of God for their future. This is not intruding on the divine plan. Vocations must be positively sought and nourished but always without pressure or any unworthy annoyance.

#### Natural and Practical Means

First of all the priest has the confessional to learn of souls close to God. A word from him will often encourage a vocation.

From time to time there should be distributed literature on the different activities of the priesthood and religious orders. A month should be set aside each year for prayers, talks, and exhibits on vocations. When a priest, Brother, or Sister of any community, or any diocese, has been given recognition for something outstanding in the line of duty, this information should be brought to the attention of our youth. Youth loves a hero and is often inspired to imitate him. A visit to the classrooms by a diocesan priest, a religious priest, Sister, or Brother from time to time to speak on the work of the Church at home and abroad is an excellent plan. In high school meetings, at the parents' meetings, the Parent-Teachers Association, there ought to be at least once a year, a good, honest, solid, intelligent presentation by a priest, Sister, or Brother on the real meaning, beauty, honor, and dignity of a vocation and the need for more vocations today. The spiritual consolation of having a daughter a nun, a boy a priest or Brother, and the wisdom of co-operating with God's will, should be emphasized before mothers and fathers. A sermon at all the Masses during Vocation Month is very important. In one diocese in every classroom, and on every sanctuary rail, is placed an attractive pyroglassed framed vocation prayer. The children in the class-

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Ionth every ail, is ramed classroom and the faithful at the time of their private visits to the parish church are urged to say this prayer daily. The prayer reads: "O God, Who wouldst have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of Thy Truth, send, we beseech Thee, laborers into Thy harvest, and grant them grace with all boldness to speak Thy Word; so that Thy Word may run and be glorified, and all nations may know Thee the only God and Him Whom Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth world without end. Amen. (From the collect of the Mass for the Propagation of the Faith.)

"Send, O Lord, workers into Thy vineyard." (from the Roman Missal — Indulgence 500 days. Plenary indulgence under the usual conditions providing that the prayer will have been recited every day for a month. S. Paen. Ap. 22 Nov. 1934.)

The Serra Club in its interest in encouraging vocations to the priesthood is distributing around the parishes and schools a splendid colored sound motion picture telling and showing the story of a boy studying for the priesthood from the time he enters the preparatory seminary until his ordination, and then his years in the priesthood, teaching in the classroom, directing the activities of the youth of his parish, administering the sacraments, and preaching the word of God.

#### A Call of Distinction

Above all, at the opportune time let us impress upon youth the fact that the call to the service of God is a call of distinction, an opportunity for doing tremendous good, a chance to make this world a better world, the gateway to happiness in this life and the assurance on God's own words, of a hundredfold reward in this life and in the life to come. What a great consolation

to foresee on our deathbed the joy of soul, in appearing before God's judgment seat, after having spent one's lifetime in spreading His Kingdom, preaching and teaching His Word, and bringing souls to the knowledge of the one true God.

#### Our Honor Roll

A further incentive would be: In order to keep the idea of vocations constantly before the youth and their parents, post in the classroom and the vestibule of the church a list of those from the school and the parish who have dedicated themselves to God's service, mentioning where they are serving. A frame could be made with the inscription: "Sons and Daughters of this parish who are serving in God's army." Underneath might be a picture of Christ walking through the wheat fields with His Apostles, and the text: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He may send laborers into His Harvest" (Luke 10:2). On either side could be the words: "Take up My Yoke upon you. For My Yoke is sweet and My burden light" (Matt. 11:29, 30). Then could follow the names of the young men and women who have dedicated themselves to God in the priesthood or religious communities. And at the bottom might appear the text: "Go, and do thou in like manner" (Luke 10:37).

Father Meschler, S.J., wrote: "What a glorious Kingdom is the religious state. It is like an island of peace and calm in the middle of the fleeting, changing, restless flood of this earthly life. It is like a garden planted by God and blessed with the fruits of the land and the dew of heavenly consolation. It is like a lofty mountain where the last echoes of this world are still, and the first sounds of a blessed eternity are heard.

What peace, what happiness, purity, and holiness has it shed over the face of the earth"

Perhaps if these words were presented to youth, many boys and girls would have awakened in their hearts a desire to serve God, just as the inspiration of a religious teacher must have influenced the high school student, Mary Ann Bowman, St. Joseph's Academy, Wheeling, West Va., who wrote the following poem:

#### MY KNIGHT

Every girl dreams of a handsome knight,
A knight on a snow-white steed,
That carries his master through thick
and thin
On to each noble deed.

He must be tall, with shoulders broad, Eyes of gray or blue, With wavy hair, a gentle smile, None less than perfect will do.

Most girls will never find their knight, But I've found mine, you see Instead of a sword, He carries a cross, And says, "Come, follow Me."

His features are straight and regular, Of a quiet fearless mien. Wavy hair falling clear to His shoulders,

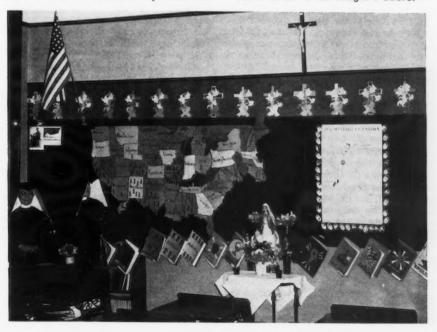
Wavy hair falling clear to His shoulders, Hair of a glossy, chestnut sheen.

He's climbing a hill now, look! He's stumbling!

Oh, won't you help Him? You see, Unlike knights of old He has a cross, And the hill is Calvary.

Oh, my Knight has done great things for me,

And I love Him, you may be sure; For He is blessed, and holy, and good: Jesus Christ is the Knight I adore.



The picture to the right shows a Vocation feature of an art exhibit, 6th grade, St. Ignatius School, El Paso, Texas. Figures of Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross are placed in each state where they conduct schools. Sister M. Bernetta, the principal, is admiring the project. Sister M. Martiniana, originator of the project, is looking on.

# Vocations Begin in the Elementary School

Rev. Barnabus Mary, C.P.\*

THE Church of tomorrow is in the classroom of today. Children in our Catholic schools this year will be called upon to provide personnel for the Church of the next generation. Here, then, is a task that faces our Catholic teachers today: it is their God-given duty to provide vocations for the Church of tomorrow.

No one may remain indifferent to this field of the apostolate. Each country and each generation has a right to its quota of consecrated leaders. Without priests, Brothers, and Sisters the Church cannot go on. Therefore, the Code of Church Law (Canon 1353) and the letters of our recent Popes make clear that all those who are in charge of youth must do their share in fostering vocations.

#### Why in Elementary School?

Many are of the opinion that this responsibility rests chiefly on the shoulders of our high school teachers. In reality, it is the special duty of the Brother and Sister in the elementary grades.

"But these children are too young to

know their own minds!"
"They are immature!"

"I did not dream of a vocation until my senior year in high school!"

All these objections have some foundation. Yet it remains true that responsibility for nurturing vocations rests chiefly upon the elementary teacher. Of course there will always be need for a great deal of vocation

always be need for a great deal of vocation guidance at the high school level. But this can never substitute for the work that must be done in the elementary grades.

An obvious reason is the fact that a large percentage of seminarians and aspirants to the brotherhood enter preparatory schools immediately after eighth grade. More and more girls, too, begin aspirantship at this age. Others, it is true, make their choice only later. But even in these cases of high school vocation development, the seed must be planted and nurtured long before.

However, the basic reason for this duty of the elementary teacher lies much deeper. It is founded on the right of every child in our Catholic schools to integral Catholic education. Then only is Catholic education worthy of the name when it breathes into every minute of the school day a spirit of Christ-mindedness and Christ-devotedness. To vitalize every subject in the curriculum with a truly Catholic spirit — this is the aim of all Catholic education. The Catholic teacher, then, is an apostle in the fullest sense of the word. Her function is not

merely to teach, but rather to educate and to form. She cannot be content merely to instruct the mind of the child; rather, it is her sublime charge to win the whole child — mind, heart, and will — to Christ. Every teacher in our Catholic schools must be able to make her own the words of St. Paul: "My dear children, I am in labor again, until Christ is formed in you" (Gal. 4:19).

This kind of education is bound to have an influence on the development of vocations. Christ-mindedness in the classroom means Christ-mindedness in the students; and once the spirit of Christ holds sway over mind and heart, vocations come instantly to life. To put it succinctly: integral and intense Catholic education is the culture in which vocations normally develop.

#### Education and Vocation

It requires only a word of explanation to make clear the intimate relation between true Catholic education and the fostering of vocations. Every vocation involves the grace of a special call from God. In accepting this invitation, priests and religious dedicate themselves to a lifetime in His service. Of their own free will, they choose a state of life in which the worship and service of God form the primary duty. Obviously, the acceptance of this grace requires normally a long range preparation of intense Catholic living. Interest in the things of God and of the Church, readiness to serve at the altar, fervor in attending holy Mass and devotions, reverence for sacred persons and things, generosity in sacrificing oneself for the work of God this spirit of religion, this strong Catholic spirit, must be fostered if boys and girls are to have the generosity requisite for every vocation.

Now analyze this work of preparation. What else is it but a program of Christmindedness?, Just let a religious become an apostle in the classroom. Let the teacher meet squarely the right of every child in our schools to an integral and intense Catholic education. As the day follows the night, vocations will develop inevitably.

This kind of teaching requires a faithful following of Christ. He was a teacher to His finger tips. The greatest part of His public life was spent, not in preaching to the crowds, but in teaching twelve ignorant men. For three years He worked at the elementary level to develop the vocations of His slow-witted Apostles. All success in fostering vocations — and this means all success in Catholic teaching — depends on the thoroughness with which our teachers

imitate Him. They must become "other Christs" if their teaching is to have rich and lasting value. The Master Himself assures us, "He who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Fortunately Christ has left us a consummate manual of His own pedagogy, the Gospels. If only our teachers study this book prayerfully, they will learn the secret of our Lord's teaching technique. With this mastery there will come new power. For teaching is not merely a matter of imparting instruction; rather, it involves becoming "another Christ" with His power to illumine minds and inflame hearts.

#### Love and Understanding

What was His method? First of all, our Lord loved all those for whom He was working. They had many faults, it is true; still He recognized in them beloved children of His Father. Nothing they ever did or said surprised Him. Often they missed the point of His teaching; they were slow to understand truths that were obvious to Him. It took so long for them to acquire the spirit and to live out the lessons that He tried to teach. Yet the Master was tireless in His patience; without counting the cost, He spent Himself for His disciples.

Our children, too, are dear to God. The very first day of school, a religious teacher can say to any one of the children, "I know you through and through. God has been thinking of you for all eternity. Our Lord has purchased you with His Precious Blood. You are very dear to God; and His grace is in your soul."

Yes, our children are dear to God. And only He knows what great things He has in store for them. Only He can count how many He would choose for His very own, if only they yield a generous will. Indeed, all our children are so loved by God that He has said of them, "Amen I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me" (Matt. 25:40).

The first secret of all success, then, is to love and revere the children. Personal interest means everything to them. A pointed question, a kind word about a family problem, readiness to spend a few minutes after school in conversation — all this goes a long way in winning a child's confidence. In this regard a successful vocation director has remarked that the large number of young religious in her community owe their vocations, under God, to the friendly interest of Sisters who had taught them.

It is true, the modern child often shows signs of thoughtlessness; he is refractory

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and difficult to handle. But there is reason for this: the home of today is different from the home of the past generation. A teacher, then, must be ready to make allowances. Like Christ, she must be firm, yes; but also very patient and understanding. Love will find a way to the child's heart; sincere, reverent affection will pierce the outer shell of callous indifference that the modern child has reared against a hostile world.

Above all, we must remember that the children do not see God. But they do see the teacher in the classroom who is supposed to be near Him and like Him. A religious with a lovable personality will draw them to love God and to honor Him with a growing spirit of devotedness. For a child is quick to reason as did the valet of St. Francis de Sales: "How good the good God must be, since His servant Francis is so kind"

#### Power of Prayer

But it is not love alone that brings God's grace to souls; prayer, too, is necessary. Therefore, the second element in our Lord's method was His unceasing prayer for the Apostles. The night before He chose them, He spent long hours on His knees, pleading for the graces they would need. Each evening, after the hard day of preaching in Jerusalem, He prayed for a long while, to win for His disciples divine help to be faithful to His teaching. At the Last Supper, they were His one concern; some of His most touching words were uttered in His prayer for them: "I have manifested Thy name to the men whom Thou hast given Me out of the world. . . . I pray for them. . . . Holy Father, keep in Thy name those whom Thou hast given Me. . . . I do not pray that Thou take them out of the word, but that Thou keep them from evil. . . . For them I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth" (John 17:6-19)

This spirit of prayer must also form a cardinal element in the teaching apostolate of our religious. A vocation is a great grace; it must be won by prayerful pleading. Our Lord has warned us, "Without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). On the other hand, He assures us, "Whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, in order that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

If only, then, a teacher learns to pray each day for the children whom God has entrusted to her, if only she whispers little ejaculations in her heart throughout the day, her words will burn with God's grace to warm the hearts of her pupils with true love of God. This love will prompt them to acts of devotion. Who knows but that these may be the beginning of a vocation, the first acts of religion in a lifetime of consecrated service. When Blessed Brother Benildus died, he could count hundreds of vocations among the boys whom he had taught. Certainly the Rosary that was always twined about his fingers played no



Pupils of 7th grade at St. Aloysius School, Jersey City, N. J., who dramatized the life of Mother Elizabeth Seton as a part of their Vocation Month program, 1951.

little part in the richly blessed apostolate of this holy Christian Brother.

#### Behold the Lilies!

True love and true prayer will always bear fruit in deeds. Therefore, the third element in our Lord's pedagogy was His competence as a teacher. He knew all truth; He saw it all intuitively. Yet He was a consummate teacher in making His lessons clear and forceful. His technique utilized every teaching device. Thus He brought into play the life and landscape of His country in order to impress truth more deeply on the souls of all. The flight of the bird across the sky, the lily of the field, the lowering sky, the fig tree and the vine, the barren soil of Judea, the lamps of the feast - all these features of the Palestinian scene served the Master as examples and figures for teaching truth.

The Catholic teacher, too, must work hard to make the lesson live. In mind, imagination, and will, our students of today must become true children of God, if any of them are to develop later into priests or Sisters or Brothers. Indeed, is not this the basic requirement of all Catholic education—that the truths of God become meaningful to the student?

Especially in teaching Christian doctrine, the teacher must be ever on the lookout for new ways to express age-old truths. Pictures, stories, examples — all these are necessary to make a vital impression. Ours is the day when children feed on the pulp of comic books. We must have the lives of the saints at our finger tips to match the antics of Superman with the living needs of truly great heroes. Tarcisius and Agnes, Aloysius and Imelda, Therese and Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin, Pancratius, Venantius, and Maria Goretti - these saintly boys and girls (whom some of our religious may have forgotten!) have a God-given power to form the minds and hearts of children. The example of their devotedness to Christ will readily inspire others to similar generosity. And generosity, remember, is the seed of every vocation.

The catechism lesson itself offers many an opportunity to explain the role that priests and religious play in the life of the Church. In this way the student will come to understand what a vocation means; he will learn the worth of a life consecrated to God and to others, and he will appreciate the growing need for vocations.

Posters and pictures, too - above all, the crucifix and the rosary - all these means must be pressed into service to deepen the spirit of religion among our children, Sacred art has a power all its own; it tells a story that one never forgets. Just bring a child under this holy influence, and he will soon enter on a life more devoted to God. Here we touch on a weakness of the modern Catholic home: holy pictures have been removed from its walls; the illustrated family Bible and Butler's picture-lives of the saints are no longer found on the parlor table. The father of lies has convinced men that these things are no longer in style. As a result, the modern child is deprived of what could be one of the richest influences in his life.

All the religious of a community should work together in this program. One has greater artistic ability, and another less; one has a forte for collecting stories, another loves the lives of the saints. Let all learn to share their treasures and to lend their talents. There is no room in fervent religious life for jealous hoarding of gifts that God has given. We are all working in God's cause; there can be no room for thought of self. The ideal of a true religious teacher is the ardent and selfless apostolic ideal of St. Paul: "Provided only that in every way, whether in pretense or truth, Christ is being proclaimed; in this I rejoice, yes and I shall rejoice" (Phil. 1:18).

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#### **Energizing Student Activity**

People always learn best by doing. Our Lord was familiar with this point of human psychology. And so another element in His teaching method was to share His own ministry with the Apostles. He sent them out to preach and to heal diseases and to drive out devils; He gave them work to do. In this way their spirit of religion and service took on exercise and

grew strong.

Human nature has not changed. We, too, must give the children work to do, if they are to develop a strong loyalty to the Church and a heartful devotedness to Christ. Each one of them must learn to be an apostle at home; through word and example they should win the whole family to frequent reception of the sacraments and daily recitation of the Rosary. Then, too, there is the classroom altar to decorate and keep in order. A special interest in vocations will be awakened if the students themselves send away for vocation literature from various communities. They should be encouraged, too, to bring to class clippings from the diocesan newspaper on the life of the Church, on the missions, on the work of priests and Sisters. Such activity always vitalizes interest.

This is the great value of the vocation clubs now in existence. The most familiar are the Don Bosco vocation club for boys and the Good Counsel vocation club for girls. The program of these clubs is well conceived. For not only does it stir up interest in the priesthood and religious life; but at the same time the rules of these clubs are bound to vitalize Catholic living. So it always will be: vocation fostering and intense Catholic living are one and the

#### The Teacher Quotient

Ways and means count for little unless a religious lives her teaching. The largest element in our Lord's method was His own Person. He never asked His disciples to do anything that He Himself did not first do. He was the perfect embodiment of the lessons He taught: "Learn of Me" - these words He could utter with perfect sincerity. His character was so flawless that He could defy His enemies with the challenge, 'Which of you can convict Me of sin? (John 8:46.) In Him the Apostles had always before their eyes a living object lesson of all their vocation would involve; in Him the priesthood shone forth in all its sublime beauty.

So it must always be with the Catholic teacher. What we are preaches so much louder than what we say. If we are to stir up in the hearts of children love for God and a great admiration for religious life, then all the ideals of religious life must shine forth in our personality. An ounce of sugar draws more flies than a whole barrel of vinegar. We shall be able to impress others with a great esteem of religious life. only on condition that we ourselves are living this life to the hilt. No one can give what he does not have, and no one is

impressed by mere words.

# Solving the Vocational Problem

Rev. Edward F. Garesche. S.I.\*

W HEN, a good many years ago, the present writer began his series of articles in America on the need for more vocations to the religious communities for women, the results of this survey came as a surprise even to many well informed persons. The Sisters seem so numerous and are so active in their many good works, their accomplishments are so remarkable and their services to the Church so outstanding, that most priests and people took it for granted that all was well with them. It was the mothers superior, puzzling over the lists of the Sisters and wondering how they would meet the many demands for their services, who realized most deeply the great need of more vocations. Thus, when we sent the first questionnaire to the mothers general and mothers provincial of our communities in the United States, their response was remarkable. Many, in sending in the statistics, added a word of deep appreciation of the fact that someone was now about to study the very difficult situation and perhaps suggest remedies.

#### An Acute Need

It will be remembered that the results of the questionnaire showed that the Sisters needed 25 per cent more vocations than they were getting, to carry on and allow for the normal expansion of their work. In response to other questions, they gave their views as to the influences which helped and those which discouraged vocations and as to the means to be taken to increase the number of applicants for the religious life. From the publication of these articles dates, we are happy to say, a new era of interest and activity on the part of Sisters and priests in encouraging vocations. How needed was this interest, is evidenced by the fact that the second survey, made only a few years ago, shows a much greater crisis in vocations and seems to indicate that the Sisters need at least twice as many applicants as they are getting now. Thus, in spite of the increased interest and efforts, the number of young women who devote themselves to the religious life is greatly inadequate to meet the needs of the Church, and of the Catholic people, for the services of the Sisters.

Since that time organized efforts have been made both by dioceses and communities, and by other organizations also, to help those young people whom God calls to the religious life to follow out their vocation. No doubt these measures have proved effective in various ways, but it still remains true that many communities of Sisters are greatly in need of a far larger number of postulants. Unless they receive them, they shall have to restrict the number of new foundations or even curtail the work of existing ones.

#### New Demands

It is not difficult to see how this condition has arisen. All the work of the sisters in this country is growing constantly. The enrollment in existing schools is increasing and new parishes are demanding schools. The Catholic hospital system is also expanding constantly. Many would be startled if they read, in the latest issue of the Catholic Directory, of the millions of pupils and the more millions of patients who depend on our Sisters for their tuition or their care in sickness. Add to this that Sisters must now study much more than formerly. Time must be given them to take courses and win degrees. Thus the whole thrust of modern standardization and the regulation of schools and hospitals is toward making more and more work for the Sisters

Again, the needs of the missions, which in former generations claimed few or none of our Sisters, are also constantly increasing. Finally, the fields of writing, lecturing, and social work are claiming more and more Sisters. All these demands tend to increase the crisis of vocations. Nor does relief seem in sight, unless a much greater number of young women turn their thoughts to the religious vocation.

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Everything in this country is expanding and, so far as anyone can see, will continue to expand for a generation. Besides, the charity of our Sisters in the United States will be moved to help the needs of Europe. Those countries which, of old, so generously sent sisters to the new world as missionaries, are now in need of missionary Sisters from America. All these considerations point to the urgency of the problem of vocations and make it more and more important to find a practical answer to that question, so often asked by the Sisters when they commented on our survey and expressed their appreciation, "But, Father, tell us what we should do to meet this great need of vocations. What is the practical answer to this problem, which we know only too well?"

#### Some Suggestions

It is much easier to ask such a question than to answer it. But long study of the problem in its various aspects, and the wealth of information which was gathered, may be helpful in making practical suggestions. These may not be particularly brilliant or original, but it is hoped that they will go to the root of the problem and be of practical use to those who are trying to solve it.

If we were asked to state what is the first requirement for increasing the number of vocations, after the prayer and selfsacrifice which will help to win grace for the young people, we should say that the most effective means is to interest, in a practical and effective way, those priests who come in contact with young people, and so are in a position to give them active guidance and help in carrying out their vocation. Second, perhaps, would be alerting and encouraging the Sisters themselves, to take the proper means to help young people to follow God's call. Finally, the parents of girls who have vocations should be informed and inspired with the true Catholic viewpoint, so that they will be a help and not a hindrance to those among their children who are called by God to His intimate service.

#### Priests Can Help

The influence of priests in such matters is, of course, incalculably great, because of the powers and opportunities given them by God for the good of souls. There are priests who are specialists in the encouragement of vocations. From their parishes come a disproportionate number of priests and Sisters. With tact and perseverance, they guide those who have the necessary qualifications to the service of God, and their prayers and encouragement are continued until the privileged soul is well launched on the accomplishment of her

The first requirement of such work is a lively and supernatural interest, which moves the priest to continue his often difficult and sometimes discouraging efforts. Some priests appear to have this interest before they receive any encouragement or suggestions toward it. It seems to come natural to them to take an interest in young people who are called to God's service. They are on the watch for the promising boy or girl who may develop into a priest or a Sister. With friendly affection they give their encouragement and suggestions, tactfully and prudently.

A Sister once said: "I have been su-

perior, in different houses of our commun-

#### A GIRL'S PRAYER

(For March, Vocation Month)

O Jesus. You have told me. You are the Life, the Truth, the Way, Then guide me on the path You've chosen Lord, for me, I pray.

Let me not be selfish, nor Fail through fear of pain, But fill my heart with courage, Lord, To make each cross, a gain.

That You may fill my life, O God, In whatever life I lead. That virgin, mother, either one, May be Mary's way, I plead.

O let me live for other lives That hand in hand with You, I may mold and guide. For such it was You created me to do.

This life I give, be it of the flesh Or of the spirit, still Let it be a giving, Lord, According to Thy will.

- Sister Mary Jean, C.S.J.

ity, for about twenty years. Everywhere I went I interested myself in asking all my subjects 'How did you first conceive the idea of becoming a Sister?' And do you know, that although we are a teaching community, and most of the Sisters have been our pupils, three out of four of them replied, 'I first thought of being a Sister when a priest, in the confessional, asked me whether I had ever thought of becoming a religious.'

"Thus," she continued, "I have always valued highly the power of the priest in the confessional to encourage vocations."

There are of course many other ways in which priests can encourage vocations. Many of those who have a vocation are not sufficiently instructed in the true meaning and value of this holy life. Hence, instructions, conferences, and private talks outside the confessional offer a fruitful field of apostolate for vocations. So does the distribution of vocational literature. So also do forming a group of clubs for the study of vocations, arranging for talks to

be given by Sisters recruiting for their community. In these and many other ways the devoted priest can foster vocations among the girls of his flock.

#### The Sisters' Part

The second important group for the encouragement of vocations is that of the Sisters themselves. Not only the superiors, but all the members of the religious communities ought to take a lively and enlightened interest in encouraging vocations. They should have a desire to be the mothers of vocations in other women, and should deliberately prepare and equip themselves to that end.

Of course the best help that any Sister can render to her group in this matter of recruiting vocations, as in every other department of service, is to be herself a perfect and holy religious, to live up to her vocation with heroic fidelity and charity. The sight of a Sister who is heart and soul in her vocation, who is happy and holy in the service of God, is the most persuasive argument to the young who have an uncanny ability to read character and an unconscious instinct for sensing holiness and happiness.

Besides this personal example, this object lesson in the effectiveness of religious life to bring holiness and happiness, the Sister can do much to foster vocations by her words and works. To guide the young is an art which requires rare tact and sympathy. To know what to say and how and when to say it is worth much prayer and thought. St. John Chrysostom, in a memorable passage, declares that, in his judgment, the greatest and noblest of all the arts, more sublime than poetry, painting, or sculpture is to mold the minds and hearts of the young. If this is true, even of secular learning, it is doubly true of those who help to form and shape minds and hearts for the sublimest destiny of woman the life of a religious.

Some Sisters feel a certain diffidence about speaking of vocations. They are afraid the girls will think that they are trying to "rope them in," as the saying goes. It would of course be very unwise to give the students that impression. Tact and sensibility on the part of the teacher will preserve her from this error. In many departments of knowledge a correct and adequate idea of the meaning and beauty of the religious life is very important, even from an educational viewpoint. To understand the history of the Church and the world, a knowledge of the nature and influence of religious vocations, is essential. In explaining the Catholic religion it is also very important to give to the pupil an insight into the religious life, as the fine flower of Christian living, the most complete and adequate realization of the imitation of Christ. In studying literature, themes and essays on various phases of religious vocations, stories about Sisters, poems glorifying the religious state, all will help the culture of the student. In many other departments of learning allusions to and explanations of the religious life will be in order. All these are means to direct the thoughts of the student toward religion and to inform her about the excellence and beauty of a vocation.

#### And the Parents

Priests and Sisters alike can be of great help in informing and inspiring the third class of persons who have much to do with the encouragement of vocations, namely the parents of prospective candidates. Parents have, of course, great influence on their children and all too often it is used to discourage and delay the accomplishment of vocations. This selfish attitude on the part of the parents who oppose their daughter's entrance into religion, is usually the result of ignorance or selfishness, both of which can be conquered by tactful instruction and inspiration. A father or mother with a supernatural outlook, and an adequate and correct knowledge of the religious life,

its holiness and fruitfulness, will encourage the daughter to follow her vocation and will derive much personal merit and joy from thus co-operating with the will of God. Selfish and ignorant parents, who put obstacles in the way of their daughter's entrance into the holiest and happiest of all the careers of woman, are not only doing great harm to her interests, and those of the Church and of souls; they also are depriving themselves of great merit and To get parents to realize this and make them understand the great treasure and distinction which come to a family one of whose members is a religious, is an achievement for a Sister. Quite often it is she alone who can win the confidence and affection of the parents enough to become their guide and teacher in this important

#### Public Recognition

Finally the pious laity have their important part to play in the development of vocations. Young people are very sensitive

to the opinions and attitudes of others. When they find that their elders are very appreciative of the life and work of the Sisters, esteem the religious vocation highly, and consider those women fortunate who have given their all to Christ to serve Him completely, they themselves are encouraged to love and desire the religious life and to make whatever sacrifices are necessary, to enter into and to persevere in a religious community.

Since those who instruct others under justice will shine like stars in all eternity, how great will be the reward of the men and women who help to direct the minds and hearts of His beloved young folk into the ways of Christ's service in religion. The miracle of the religious life is forever renewed in the midst of the Church. Out of each generation hundreds of thousands of good Catholic girls enter communities, and persevere therein until death. That this marvel may continue and increase in the Church of God ought to be the prayer and striving of all the lovers of Christ.

# Bridging the Vocational Gap

Sister M. Walter, O.F.M.\*

WHEN we heard that a Franciscan was going to speak to our Community about the S.S.V. we looked at each other completely bewildered. "The 'S.S.V.'" we repeated, "What is it?"

"Here's some literature on it," called someone from the rear of the assembly hall, and she read, "The Seraphic Society for Vocations is a modern vocation program designed to promote vocations in general to the priesthood, brotherhood, and sisterhood. Briefly, it is known as the S.S.V."

"They're not trying to get vocations for just the Franciscans," someone remarked, "but for every order. God will never be outdone in generosity, and the Franciscans will certainly be rewarded for that."

We thought of all the apostolates, all meeting current needs — the Christophers, the Rosary Crusade, the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the Home, the Priest's Saturday, the Franciscan Way of the Cross — and, here is the crying need of all — Vocations — especially after the appalling priestly and religious casualties of the European War, and now behind the Iron Curtain.

There was a stir as the Franciscan entered the rear door. Stepping briskly up the aisle, he made a brief introduction, and

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then said, "Let's start off with a few questions."

#### The Pope's Request

"How did the S.S.V. originate, Father?" asked the dean of the college.

"It originated," answered the priest, "in response to the present Holy Father's Moto Proprio letter of *Cum Nobis* in 1941 in which he appealed for a spiritual crusade for priestly vocations. Responding to the appeal, the Franciscans in the U. S. worked out the S.S.V. program. However, they extended the program so as to include vocations to the sisterhood and brotherhood."

With a twinkle in his eye, he added, "Those two questions 'What is it?' and 'How did it originate?' have been asked so often that we have made them the first two questions and answers in a leaflet about the Society. Any more questions?"

"Does it cost anything to join the S.S.V.?" was asked cautiously.

"Not a cent," he replied. "That holds, too, for S.S.V. publications — for example, our little bulletin called 'Vocation Notes.'"

"How large is the organization?" asked another curiously.
"Nationwide," he answered succinctly.

"You called this a society," stated a Sister in the group. "Who are the officers?"

"No officers," he said.

"Any meetings?" asked the same voice hopefully.

"No meetings," laughed the priest.
"No dues, no meetings, no officers," she repeated with a mystified smile. "What does one do to join?"

#### Membership in S.S.V.

"Just say three Hail Marys every day for vocations." Then he added quickly, "but if one wishes to become a 'certificate member' all he has to do is to send in his name. No address is necessary. You see, the S.S.V. is a 'Pious Union,' and Church law requires some record at least of pious union members."

There was heightened interest. "What are the benefits of certificate member-ship?" came the query.

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"Special spiritual benefits," replied the

priest. "That means a share in Masses, prayers, and good works of the Franciscan Fathers, Brothers, Seminarians, and in the three Hail Marys said daily by thousands of S.S.V. members."

"Let me fill in the picture a little more at this point," the Franciscan continued. "You see, the S.S.V. employs three simple means to encourage and foster vocations:

"1. Prayer — Three Hail Marys daily for vocations.

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"2. Interest - One religion class each month on vocations.

"3. Action - One day a week for vocations."

"The first is easy enough," spoke up a high school teacher. "We could even do that at the end of the day in our home room, but the second and third . . . Father. if you knew of all the extracurricular activities, you'd never suggest any more.'

At his quizzical look, she added, "All right, Father. I teach religion in high school. I could do it; I could give one lesson a month on vocations, but how could

one offer a whole day?"

He answered, "When children make the Morning Offering, they could add to 'for the intentions of the Holy Father' and for vocations. Then, every prayer, and work, and suffering of the day could be for that intention, too, couldn't it?"

"Oh." she sighed with relief, "it's really easy - simple, as you said. But," she expostulated, "we often speak to our classes about vocations, Father. We have plays, and processions in religious habits of various orders, and in the Boston and Manchester dioceses we even have a vocation Sunday. We really haven't been neglecting the idea."

#### Daily Activity

"Wonderful!" exclaimed the priest. "Keep up the good work. These are splendid annual observances. But, let's remember that it is easy for teen agers to fall into a that's-over-for-another-year attitude. And periodic spasms of vocational fervor and activity quickly submerged in the favorite TV program or juke box review never accomplished very much."

'Oh, I see," she replied thoughtfully "effective vocation work means daily work."

"Yes," he said, "you see the keynote of the S.S.V. program, in a word, is the cultivation of 'Vocation-Mindedness' among our Catholic Youth."

"What Father means," said the dean, "is the development in our boys and girls of the Catholic attitude toward vocations, a consciousness of the need of them, and an understanding of what a religious voca-

tion really means."
"Right," nodded the Franciscan. "Today a mighty gap, all of us know, exists between the average boy or girl and the seminary or convent door. There is but one way to bridge that gap: make our young people vocation-minded! You Sisters all over the country have certainly made them mission-

All of the Sisters nodded in agreement. "You know, they say that a good soldier never underestimates his opposition. Now, what would you say are the basic causes of the vocation problem today?" Father

There was a moment of silence, and then

the answers flew from each corner: "In-

difference! Ignorance! Worldliness!"
"Exactly," applauded the priest, "and the S.S.V. program is more than a match for them; for, you meet ignorance with knowledge in the religion class once a month; indifference with sacrifice in the day-a-week offered for vocations; and worldliness with the grace of the three Hail Marys said daily."

#### A Practical Idea

The Sisters turned to each other and the speaker could hear, "How simple! Practical! Soundly spiritual! Up to date! Capable of student participation on every level! Easy to insert into the heart of student life! Doesn't add to already crowded school schedules!'

Smiling with delight, the priest summarized briefly: "If we are ever going to span the gap between vocational passivity and vocational activity, we must build a bridge:

"The bridge is vocation mindedness. "The blueprint is God's divine will. "The architects are zealous religious

'The workers are our boys and girls. "The labor union is the Seraphic Society for Vocations.

"Construction materials are grace from three Hail Marys, one monthly religionvocation class, one day a week offered for

"To complete the span, send to the Franciscan Seminary, Callicoon, N. Y., for seven posters, free of charge" (and he smiled at the cautious Sister) "and quarterly Vocation Notes gratis, as I have said. Moreover, you may invite a Franciscan representative to come to your PTA meetings, discussion clubs, teachers' institutes, sodalities, retreats, classrooms, or any meeting. He will present for you transcriptions of special vocation programs used on the Franciscan Radio Hour all over the country called The Hour of St. Francis." (Regional S.S.V. offices are established also in Chicago, Ohio, Wisconsin, and California.)

#### Overcome Indifference

When Rev. Daniel Barry, O.F.M., (the director of the Seraphic Society for Vocations from Callicoon, N. Y.) left the assembly hall, he left a definite impression on the minds of the religious teachers to whom he had made his appeal.

We had heard Bishop J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., make similar statements at a CCD convention in Portland, Me., this year. "There is a terrifying shortness of vocations," he stated, "and this shortage is caused by the pagan spirit which has crept into Catholic families themselves. The dearth of vocations is not the work of the Communists, the Freemasons, nor

the Protestants; it is an inside growth in the home."

Pope Pius X once said, "To restore all things in Christ, we must provide instruc-tion for children."

The prophet Jeremias said, "The little ones have asked for bread and there was no one to break it for them.'

"The holiest sanctuary we know," continued Bishop Wright, "is the soul of a child," and, he asked his audience, "whence will come the leadership of this nation in the decades to come? There is no evidence that these leaders will come from the universities; they will come from the masses, and who teach the masses? The nuns and the priests!"

The Franciscans believe that this vocational apostolate, therefore, should have its activities multiplied by myriad hands. They have issued a booklet with Provincial approval entitled: An Appeal to the Religious Teachers of the United States — Make Our Schools Vocation-Minded. In the desire for self-preservation, they say that communities should change their laissez-faire and timid-soul attitudes, and adopt the Church's attitude - the solemn obligation of fostering vocations.

They point out that some of the difficulties encountered in promoting Sister vocations are: women's financial emancipation; the stumbling block of the religious garb; that modern youth is rarin' for activity; and that some communities have a defeatist spirit.

They give many suggestions for "fostering vocations" such as stimulating literature, a vocational day of recollection, snapshots of boys of the parish who have become priests, and of girls who have entered convents, dolls dressed as priests and Sisters, etc.

#### A Matter of Arithmetic

Religion can be introduced in almost any subject, as teachers know. One Sister, they tell us, without mentioning vocations. cleverly made use of religious statistics in an arithmetic class as follows:

If it takes 40,000 priests and 140,000 Sisters to care for 40,000,000 Catholics in the U. S., how many more priests and Sisters will be needed to convert and care for the 100,000,000 non-Catholics of the U. S.?

For Other Aids to Vocational Work they suggest: Vocational Institutes, Summer School Vocational Talks, and Community

In conclusion, we quote St. Vincent de Paul with the Franciscans: "No matter how we seek, we shall always discover ourselves unable to contribute to anything more sublime than the making of good priests . . ." and let us add the making of good religious.

Let us bridge the Vocational Gap.

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#### The Spiritual Foundation of Vocation

It is, indeed, a high vocation to be accepted for the priesthood by the bishop. Entrance into a brotherhood or sisterhood is, too, a high vocation. The possibility of participating directly in the scheme of Christian redemption should make one's hair stand on end at the prospect of such an adventure. The potentiality of helping the members of the Mystical Body through the liturgy, education, and the many social services of the Church all should have the attraction of other days and of these services under lay auspices. Yet the indisputable fact seems to be that vocations are not spontaneous enough in sufficient number to meet the present needs of the Church.

#### Methods of Promotion

All the devices of modern promotion are used to stimulate vocations. This is vocation month. The International Serra Club has taken the promotion of vocations as its primary objective. Articles are written in school journals. Men are set aside in religious orders to discover potential candidates. Advertisements are to be found in

journals of every description. Still the supply is not adequate.

#### Spiritual Influences

There is great reliance on prayer among Catholics, particularly in religious orders. Catholics in every walk of life, especially priests and religious, are storming the gates of heaven for more vocations. In schools pressure is put on students, and vocational guidance is used to steer students toward religious vocation. In older days still more spiritual means were operative among the laity. In a tradition in which I was brought up, one son of the family was to be dedicated to religion, unless indeed, due to death or other causes, this would leave the family destitute. In the case of John Baptist de La Salle, we see how even such difficulties were overcome. More recently we note with appreciation the custom of the Covington diocese to ordain each priest individually in his home parish. Another significant influence is the obviously normal practice of employing lay teachers with profoundly religious views which manifest themselves not in a didactic direct approach but in the joy, wholesomeness, and insight which these persons bring to their teaching and their living.

#### Some Negative Influences

The kind of appeal which made hermits in the early centuries, though still inherent in the Church, is not operative on the young. The possibility of genuine poverty and personal sacrifice in God's service is not obvious in the life of our educational institutions nor among the members of the faculty. The palaces of our educational institutions and the splendor of our reception halls have raised questions where we least suspect them among Catholics: Escape from an evil world and security for life are hardly motives to lead one to the foot of the Cross.

#### The Challenge: To Overcome the World

And yet this very evil of the world is the thing into which we must descend and which we must master. This is the challenge. The workers are indeed fewworkers as the priests of France who have gone into the factories to live with the men they must convert, suffer as they suffer, learn how they think, and, by manifesting the Christian spirit, conquer them. The religious must have the same attitude as Kipling had for the British soldier.

I have eaten your bread and salt I have drunk your water and wine. The deaths ye died I have watched beside, And lives ye led were mine. Was there aught that I did not share In vigil or toil or ease -

One joy or woe that I did not know, Dear hearts across the sea?

I have written the tale of our life For a sheltered peoples mirth. In jesting guise - but ye are wise And ye know what the jest was worth.

#### Absorption of Religious Personnel in Administration

A tragedy of the religious life, diocesan and regular, is the increasing need for personnel for administration. I read the other day of a several million dollar addition to a hospital, and in the hospital there were ten nuns. Catholic colleges, which should always have at least a substantial minority of lay people, are, however, in some cases staffed so that the only time a student meets a religious is in the religion class one or two hours a week. This is, of course, notably true in professional schools. This whole problem of Catholic education must be thought through in the light of such facts. This must be considered along with the fact that while many religious teachers without pressures win many to Christ and to His priesthood and sisterhoods and brotherhoods, many are also nonconductors of religious influence.

#### Christ's Appeal in the Contemporary World

Particularly in the contemporary secularist, materialist, and naturalistic world, the appeal of the gentle winsome Christ should be stronger than ever. The opportunity for generosity of spirit, for great spiritual adventure, to give oneself for his fellow men in the name of Christ, for using power only to express and to manifest love, to give a cup of cold water to the least of these My brethren is still present in the service of Christ. It should appeal to many who are not disillusioned, nor drifting in the contemporary situation. It should set on fire the generous, and it should win even the ordinary adolescent of our day who has had religion presented to him intelligently and winsomely instead of in the usual formal manner.

#### Good Will and Spiritual Capital

The possibility of promoting and stimulating religious vocations is indicated in the Christopher program. Whatever else it has done, it has discovered the amazing amount of good will existing among all classes of people of all religious belief. It has revealed an extraordinary amount of spiritual capital which has been left buried, and how it can be put to use by a spiritual appeal, and by the absence of the usual appeals. No dues, no membership, no fees of any kind! The so-called career guidance schools could be utilized in this project.

#### Spiritual Foundations Are There!

The presence of these spiritual foundations means that there is a sound and secure basis for the spiritual appeal for vocations, and there is the promise: "I

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shall be with you all days even to the consummation of the world." One becomes part of the Church which the Pope described in his Christmas message:

"In contrast with the collapse of so many earthly institutions and the failure of so many ephemeral programs, the spirit of God sustains, with the vigor of perpetually self renewing youth, His spouse the Church, the fountainhead of abundant life, whose ever more vivid manifestations reveal her supernatural character; inexpressible comfort for each believer; insoluble riddle for the enemies of the Faith."

— E. A. F.

# Thoughts of Vocations on a Hospital Bed

As one lies stretched on a hospital bed, as the editor has for three weeks, his thoughts travel over the whole range of human life, its meanings, its greatness, its trivialities, its depth and height. It is natural now and again to turn one's thoughts to Vocations as one sees about him what St. Paul would call living Epistles of high vocations to which men and women are called. One cannot resist the thought of greatness and firmness of the human spirit in men and in young women as he sees about him each day complete dedication of self to fellow men — which certainly is true of doctors and nurses in this state hospital. Here he sees vocation unconscious of lower aims and cheaper terms, a dedication of one's life to the conscientious use of skill. insight, and knowledge to the serious problems in hand, a sense of the awful responsibility for human life.

Vocation is essentially and primarily religious in character even where, as here, it seemingly is without religious motivation. It is spiritual, too, even though dealing seemingly only with the body, but it is dealing with a human life in a body-soul combination. A wise, all-knowing, merciful God will surely reward such service. The Good Samaritan, wherever He appears among men, raises our moral and spiritual sights.

If there is anything that comes home to you continually as you turn on your hospital bed it is the proof manifested by these services that the essential humanity of man is his characteristic attitude. This is especially true as it applies to our nursesteen agers and women in the early twenties. One sees here, day after day, a striking contrast to the nonchalance and irresponsibility so often attributed to our teen agers. Here he sees devoted service, self-forgetfulness, high seriousness in the vocational life of these young people. There is something sadly wrong with our general contemporary life which calls forth in its recreation and leisure time - now so abundant -not the higher qualities we see among our young professional people but the lower selves of men and women; not the transcendentally human but the subhuman. And our social approvals reinforce the trends of our sensate civilization.

Everyday we see in a hospital, for example, a continuing revelation of the deeper nature of teen agers. There is joy in service. There is no thought of self. There is glad acceptance of responsibility. Here soul answers soul. Human need calls forth human beneficence. Take one case of a nurse who seems to embody the ideal which all possess in varying degrees. There is brought in a lumberjack from the northern woods, with many stitches in head, unshaven, his back broken, his legs paralyzed, in a temporary cast which has been put on to bring him from a small hospital that could not handle the case. The doctors operate upon him and a very refined nurse of agreeable personality is assigned to care for him. What is her attitude toward her half delirious patient. She literally plunges into her work with the concentrated force of her personality and knowledge. There is no revulsion, no hesitation, but complete absorption in the task. She knows what to do, what to say, what to suggest. She anticipates his needs. She begins early to boost his morale. She explains to him what is happening in a common-sense way. She writes letters for him, humanly expanding his laconic "I'm getting along all right." She puts every resource of the hospital at his service because she knows what the resources are and where to find them. She is alert and vigilant and her passing is like "the ceasing of exquisite Evangeline

The spirit of the doctors I saw was not less magnificent. The head doctor and his associate and the resident physician were a great team. The latter performed with sure knowledge, order, and dispatch the many arduous duties in the care of his patients.

Every resource of man's mind, soul, and heart went into the medical and surgical service I received. There was certainly the professional knowledge with the deft skill, too, of the surgeon's knife, beneath which, as Emily Dickinson notes, is the culprit Life. And the great thing is the concern for the patient before operation, during, and after it. The daily visits of the doctors were a continuing revelation of their interest in a human being rather than another patient. It was interesting to observe their subservience to the curative process of God, or say, irreverently enough, if you will, of Nature. Here is truly the giving of a life. Here is, may I repeat, a service religious in character to the human temple of the Holy Spirit. And one may exclaim with Rabbi Ben Ezra that soul helps flesh no more than flesh helps soul.

After all, what we saw in the hospital were great simple truths: that human beings, even of this generation, are capable of complete dedication and self-effacement, that the vocations are worthy, are religious in their foundations, and become great

when they enlist such persons as we have

If, this month, you go to your own Manresa, as St. Ignatius of Loyola did, your choice of vocation will be worthy, whatever it is. -E.A.F.

# Religion and Public Education. No. 3

#### Religious or Sectarian Teaching

The news dispatch announcing the action of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York recommending that school be opened with a prayer ended with this sentence in a local newspaper. "Federal and state constitutions ban religious teaching in public schools." We do not waste time on the obvious error that the federal constitution bans religious teaching in public schools, but there is need to make a distinction that is not too clearly kept in mind regarding the state constitutions.

What the state constitutions prohibit is sectarian instruction in the public educational institutions of the state. This is so in Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Another phase of the question is the prohibition of appropriations of public money for sectarian schools. This is mentioned in the constitutions of Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. These lists are taken from the Index of State Constitutions used in the New York constitutional convention in 1915 and they are substantially correct today.

The provisions in the state constitutions are directed against sectarian instruction—not against religious teaching. At least we ought to keep our terminology clear, even if the sects cannot agree on what religious teaching is as distinct from sectarian instruction.—E. A. F.

## BEWARE OF FRAUDULENT SUBSCRIPTION AGENTS

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# Christian Vocational Guidance

Brother Philip. O.S.F.\*

UIDANCE within the Catholic school GUIDANCE within the Catholic presents a problem today. Rather to the sincere Christian teacher, it should offer a challenge. As in other branches of the educational tree, Catholic educators engaged in guidance work tend to ape the accomplishments and methods of their secular compatriots, instead of striking out on their own for a more "Catholic" type of guidance. While the secular techniques and goals have a place in their guidance programs, Catholic vocational counselors and teachers, especially the religious, should be able to inject something "added" into this matter of vocational direction.

First, it is presumed here that in the Catholic school moral guidance is done, for the most part, through the religion classes and the confessional. The former, too, would seem to be the main place for discussions of vocations in the specific sense of the four states in life. It would appear to be the obligation of the religion teacher especially to stress the importance of the states in life, since many of the individual's future graces will flow to him through his state in life. This paper, then, is concerned primarily with vocational guidance in the realm of jobs, careers, or avocations. It is here that we have done little more than our secular confreres, when vet we have the startling fact facing us that "the religious instruction and formation of Catholics is largely nullified unless they are also enabled to make vital contact with society at a point where they can infuse Christ's life into the social organism. To help them make this contact should be the work of Catholic vocational guidance and training."1 Thus we shouldn't just steer our graduates into positions that pay the most, offer the best opportunity for material advancement, or seem best to fit their mental ability or interests as indicated by tests, but into the place where they can do their utmost to restore Christ to society and fulfill their whole nature. In other words, there is a far larger consideration to be explored by the Catholic counselor, that no amount of professional training will prepare him to do.

#### Training Christian Leaders

Catholic schools are supposed to be training Christian leaders; even our poorest scholastic students have something extra in a moral sense to offer the business and professional world of this era. But are we guiding these potential moral leaders into

the fields where they can exercise the most influence for good among their fellow men? One young Catholic graduate damned us intentionally with this remark: "During almost twenty years of schooling, I don't recall one instance where anyone suggested to me alternatives for lifework and their various degrees of desirability." Therefore, it is the purpose of this discussion to suggest ideas on what added ingredients Catholic guidance workers might inject into their methods and program. These are simply ideas to be expanded.

Christian vocational guidance might be executed on three levels, depending on the type of student advised. The first could be termed, Apostolic, and it is not intended necessarily for all pupils. It is along the lines of Catholic Action, aiming to restore all things in Christ, and was first proposed by the group of lay apostles who publish Integrity magazine. Their attitude is well summed up in the statement, "As long as Catholic schools . . . continue to sponsor talks by representatives of the Bell Telephone Company, personnel managers of big department stores, and chemical manufacturing firms, they will be steering students into a lifework which virtually renders them impotent to participate in God's plan for the renovation of society and their soul's salvation. . . . It has been noted frequently that girl graduates of Catholic schools, in the Telephone company for instance, have good will, some idealism, and a fairly good sense of values when first employed, but it takes only several months for them to fall into the groove of 'monotony plus pay check' from which it is difficult to arouse them."2 While we may not all agree on the practicality of that thought, there certainly is much truth in it. Integrity proposes a Christian Vocational Guidance course, of which many ideas can be included in counseling work. Informal lectures would center around the following themes: (1) the idea of a vocation and finding out God's plan for them; (2) temperamental directives which indicate what field is best to utilize their type of temperament; (3) talents as direction finders to what God might be calling them to do; and finally, the core of their program, (4) opportunities in such apostolic endeavors as works of mercy: home nursing, houses of hospitality, care of the insane, etc.; crafts: developing the type of Christian craftsmen who might group to break the deadlock in respect to basic living problems, such as housing; education: possibilities of teaching where most needed, as in rural schools, Negro schools, or adult schools among the confused intellectuals of our large cities; farming and the land movements as a chance for real Christian living; and writing and publishing: through a new Christian offensive in magazines and newspapers, setting up a distributing system for Christian literature through apostolic bookstores, bookbarrows,

The second level, which has a wider and more general appeal, might be considered the Christopher approach. Father Keller's idea is to get morally minded men and women into positions of influence where they can aid not only God and their Church, but their country as well. He recommends Career Guidance Schools or courses, to supplant the Communist schools of adult and social education, and to direct Christians into those key fields where they may sway the mass of mankind - education, government, labor-management, and communications (radio, television, movies, publishing, and writing). He further shows what a Christopher with a purpose to bear Christ to his fellow men can do in the areas of atomic energy, social service, library work, and even in secretarial positions. The following words of Father Keller should shock us all into directing our students into jobs with a purpose: cause most of us have taken the 'Let George do it' attitude, we have presumed that someone else would take care of everything else while we took care of ourselves. We have neglected these careers that count, On the other hand, the self-seekers, the weaklings, the opportunists, and those dedicated to perversion and subversion have recognized the importance of key fields. and have been swarming into them as fast as they can. They readily see that a handful of persons, good or bad, in these vital fields, can make or break any nation, can cripple any home, religion, and every other civilizing influence."3 Thus it should be the happy task of the Catholic counselor and educator to motivate our charges with the unusual opportunity that is theirs to enrich humanity — to leave the world a bit better off for their being in it - if, with a Christlike purpose, they go into careers that really count. The Christophers offer the busy administrator and teacher two practical aids for getting these ideals and points across to their students: the first is the complete course outline and notes for Career Guidance Schools - these are a series of lectures on each of the main influential fields; the second is Father's new book, Careers that Change Your World, which is a "must" for every Catholic teacher engaged in guidance work. A cheap well bound pocket edition is availa-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Peter Michaels, "Christian Vocational Guidance," In-

<sup>\*</sup>Franciscan Teaching Brother from St. Leonard's Academy, Brooklyn, N. Y. This discussion was part of a guidance panel at the national convention of the Catholic Business Education Association in Cleveland on March 29, 1951.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Michaels, op. cit., pp. 3-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>James M. Keller, M.M., Careers That Change Your World (Garden City, N. Y.: Permabook, 1950), p. 5.

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ble for 35 cents; this will be found immensely practical by the student for it not only has useful information on how to get into the spheres of influence, but its chapter on "How to Get a Job with a Purpose" will prove invaluable in career guidance. This discusses self-analysis, the résumé, selection of an occupation, the interview, and letter of application. For instance, its practicality can be illustrated by the pointers it gives commercial majors on how to use their secretarial and office skills to best advantage.

#### Training Christian Followers

The challenge of the *Christopher* ideal having been accepted, the third level of Christian Vocational Guidance is more easily understood. Naturally, we will not be able to place all our students in apostolic or influential fields; not all are capable or

equipped for such positions. But we can give training to all so that even those who go into the ordinary positions can act as a leveler among the masses. In home room or guidance instructions we should inspire them with the dignity of work, their duties as Christian business people (based on the labor encyclicals especially), the ability and necessity for getting along with others, and developing right attitudes and habits -responsibility, critical of their own work, etc. Give them purpose and perspective even in doing a routine job. Then we've added something worth while to our Catholic guidance program. As one Fordham University professor expressed it, "Make them realize the tremendous responsibility of that job they intend to do -it's the watershed down which their whole life flows; it determines so much their father's job determined their education which in turn decided their job which in turn will determine their children's education and possibility of a career."

This kind of Christian vocational guidance is open to all our students, but special emphasis should be placed on the leader type of boy or girl - make certain they go into careers where they can do real good. This guidance can be given best first by the teacher through inspiration and informal talks. The English and business training classes present excellent openings for career units with the above as background. Assemblies, displays, individual counseling, and occupation courses are other media for disseminating this information. The conclusion, then, is that by all means we should use secular guidance techniques and methods, but only as tools for directing our students to careers with a Catholic purpose to them.

# A Classroom Vocational Program

Rev. Matthew Vetter, C.P.\*

IT IS unnecessary for me to set before you reasons for having a definite vocation program for your classroom during Vocation Month. You are acquainted with the great need of the Church for more vocations. You realize that our school system cannot expand, in fact, can hardly maintain its present status unless there be more vocations.

Moreover, it is estimated that before the war Europe was supplying 75 per cent of the missionaries working in the mission field. With European seminaries broken up, with her youth decimated by war and undemourished, with much of Europe under Communistic influence, it will be years before Europe can send out her missionary Sisters and priests as of old. Previous to World War II, America had been supplying only 5 per cent of the foreign mission personnel. During the next few years, therefore, if the Church is merely to hold its own in the mission field, the United States should be preparing 15 times as many missionaries as she has been sending in the past! As our present Holy Father has said: America alone remains the hope of the world for increased vocations!"

The program suggested here is brief, definite, and practical. Although it has been put into effect on a diocesan scale, it is one that you can use independently, even in a single classroom. This program was first employed by Rt. Rev. Msgr. D. F. Cunningham, superintendent of schools in

the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1944. In November of that year it was presented at the meeting of the department of school superintendents of the National Catholic Educational Association. The meeting adopted a resolution "recommending that the month of March be designated a Religious Vocation Month for the Catholic Schools of the country." A program such as this was suggested:

#### The Program

The aim of the program is twofold: to deepen the spiritual life of the students and to impart adequate vocational instruction.

#### Spiritual Life

The spiritual life is to be deepened by prayer, frequent Communion, and sacrifice:

a) Prayer: A daily ejaculation to be recited in the classroom, or better, to be added to morning and evening prayers; e.g. "Dear Jesus, help me to become a priest (Brother or Sister), if it is Your holy will." A novena for vocations, beginning March 16 and ending on the Vigil of the Annunciation, March 24.

b) More frequent Communion. Urge the students to receive at least twice a week during Vocation Month.

c) Sacrifice and generosity. A Sacrifice Box is very effective.

#### Instruction

Impart adequate vocation instruction by a short weekly talk on the following subjects:

 a) Need of vocations. Priests, Brothers, and Sisters are needed for home and mission fields.

b) Signs of a vocation: moral fitness, average intelligence, health, and a right intention. It should be made clear to the pupils that "an inner feeling or devout attraction may sometimes be absent or hardly perceptible." — Encyclical "On Catholic Priesthood."

c) The various apostolates that lie open: parish work, foreign missions, home missions, teaching, social work, nursing, etc.

d) How to overcome difficulties: parental objections, poverty, how to enroll in a seminary or religious community, renouncing worldly attractions, etc.

Have a Question Box in the room. Questions should be unsigned. Provide supplementary reading. The popular vocation pamphlets, Follow Me (for boys) and Follow Him (for girls), by Godfrey Poage, might be used. Encourage discussion on these booklets.

Toward the end of the month a paper could be written on: "Why I would (or would not) like to become a priest (Brother or Sister)." Most of the students will be honest in their statements. Those who express a genuine interest in the priesthood or religious life should be encouraged to write to the diocesan seminary or to one of the religious communities.

#### Results of Such a Program

The results of such a program can be shown by reporting the outcome of it as

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it was first used in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Perhaps the most notable result of the program was the number of those who for the first time in their life gave serious consideration to the idea and the possibility of their having a vocation. Many of these students had simply taken it for granted that they were not called to anything so lofty. As one paper put it: "I had made up my mind that the only state for me was that of marriage, but now - I am rather uncertain - I think there is a call for me - I have been receiving Communion daily for three weeks that God may show me what He wants me to do." Or, as another put it: "I never thought of it in that way before."

Yet these are the ones who must be awakened to see, first, the possibility, then, the probability of their being called. It is only by thus awakening very many more of the hitherto thoughtless ones that we will ever be able to multiply the number of vocations ten or fifteen times!

Needless to say, some time must elapse before such vocations will come to maturity. But the great work of stirring up these vocations in the hearts of hundreds throughout the diocese has been done. The same program following through in succeeding years has done much to develop these vocations.

A second result of the program was the number of half hidden, unsuspected vocations brought to light. Without some such program, these vocations might have remained for a while, like secret cherished dreams in the mind of the children, but, receiving no encouragement, they would easily succumb to the difficulties, the distractions, and the allurements of life.

It was very difficult to estimate the number of such vocations thus brought to light. Very many of the teachers in their reports have spoken of four, five, six, or even more pupils making definite inquiries about particular religious communities or seminaries.

The final compositions showed a third result. Many students, seeing clearly now the signs or indications of a vocation, realize that it is only their unwillingness to make the sacrifices that makes them draw back. "Not enough fun," "Too hard," were their remarks. May we not hope that the uneasiness they feel may result in more serious thought later on and that

God will give them inspiration to greater generosity at some future date?

A last, but still very definite result is indicated by one of the school reports: "While the majority of the final papers were of the 'would not' type, even these showed a greater understanding and a deeper appreciation of the higher calling." This result is one that is not to be lightly overlooked. These are the parents of our next generation. They will be far more likely to encourage vocations among their children than would otherwise have been the case. The Church is going to be in great need of vocations for years to come.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, the parish priests were asked to give the short instructional talks. Their co-operation was even more enthusiastic than was expected. In many parishes the pastor himself inaugurated the program and personally gave the talks. You can suggest this to your pastor if you judge it opportune.

All in all, we believe the above Vocation Program has proved itself practical and successful. By inaugurating it in your classroom this March you will be doing a real service to the Church in one of her greatest needs.

# DOUBLE YOUR TALENTS

Rev. Robert C. Schwab\*

ONE day two thousand years ago, the greatest Teacher the world has ever known, went up the Mount of Olivet, and sitting with His disciples, told them a story.

"There was once a man going abroad," He told them, "who called his servants and delivered them his goods. And to one he gave five talents; to another, two; and to another one, one; to each according to his particular ability, and then he went on his journey. And he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more. In like manner, he who had received the one went away and dug in the earth and hid his master's money.

"But after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying: 'Master, thou didst deliver to me five talents; behold, I have gained other five over and above.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many; enter into the joy of thy master.'

"And he also who had received the two

talents came and said, 'Master, thou didst deliver to me two talents; behold, I have gained two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many; enter into

the joy of thy master.' "But he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Master, I know that thou art a stern man; thou reapest where thou hast not sowed and gatherest where thou hast not winnowed; and as I was afraid, I went away and hid thy talent in the earth; behold, thou hast what is thine.' But his master answered and said to him, 'Wicked and slothful servant! Thou shouldst therefore have entrusted my money to the bankers, and on my return I should have got back my own with interest. Take away therefore the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has, shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him who does not have, even that which he seems to have shall be taken away. But as for the unprofitable servant, cast him forth into the darkness outside, where there will be the weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Matt.

#### We Have Equal Rights

It would be very wise if every parent, every educator, would read this striking parable from the Gospel of St. Matthew before taking upon himself the obligation and assuming the privilege of teaching. Each one of us is an individual with a specific dignity of a human being, bearing a resemblance to our Creator. This resemblance to God, as we know, lies in the soul with its intellect and will. Since the individual is of prime importance in the creative plan of God, every form of organization, society, government, must therefore have for its sole purpose the aiding and abetting of the individual. The state exists for the individual, and not the individual for the state. This is one of the primary differences between a free people and the Communistic state where the individual exists for and is the slave of the state. As individuals, bearing the likeness to the Creator, we have a free will as well as an intellect, and therefore we are free to live, free to seek happiness, free to worship, free to speak and write, free to reproduce, free to learn, free to work, free to do anything, as long as, in the exercise of this freedom, we do not encroach on or take away the freedom of our neighbor. When

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therefore I claim freedom to kill, steal, or disregard authority, I am wrong. I am wrong because my freedom implies an obligation to respect the freedom of my neighbor. Thus we have the origin of law. The purpose, of law is not to shackle my freedom but rather to guarantee it for myself and protect it for my neighbor. It is in this freedom that man has a tremendous dignity. Man is not merely a mass of humanity with the individual being absorbed in the whole, but rather, in God's divine economy, each man is a specific entity, created separately and endowed by the Creator with wondrous gifts. The individual therefore is very important to almighty God. When He creates a man's soul, He makes it like unto Himself and in a certain sense imparts to that soul a portion of Himself. He gives to that soul a purpose, and that purpose is not only to reflect the image of God in this mortal life, but particularly that it will mirror Him forever in eternal life. In this are all men created equal. Each has been endowed equally with this divine likeness to the Creator. Each therefore has been created equally free. But since freedom means the right to pursue and be anything good, each individual's rights must be equal.

#### Ability Is Not Equal

Now the modern fallacy in education, be it in the home or in the school, is this: Since the Creator has made each man equal in his rights, each individual, therefore, is equal, in his ability to use these rights. This is simply not true. And it is producing confusion. There are educators today, and even some parents, who believe that every child, regardless of his ability, must achieve a standard of perfection

which only a few can reach. There are some who will even disdain the pupil who tries, but who cannot reach the goal, simply because he is not able. Do not misunderstand. I do not intend that our standards of education should be destroyed or lowered. But I do mean that parents and teachers must recognize the fact that there is a certain group of children who cannot and never will be able to reach the standards that have been set. There is a vast difference between the right to learn and the ability to learn. This is the moral which Christ teaches in the parable of the talents. God has created us in such a way that each has ability in different amounts and in different directions. Thank God, that this is so. Think for a moment what would happen if there were no men willing to do tasks that many others consider very disagreeable. Yet the trend in modern education is to train our young people so many years, give them so much knowledge that they can all become white-collar workers and will never have to soil their hands. Modern education is imparting to our youth even a disdain and a contempt for manual labor.

#### How Many Talents

The modern teacher, therefore, whether at home or in school, must first of all identify the number of talents the child has before he can begin teaching. If the pupil has only one talent, don't expect him to produce five. If he doubles his one, he will be accomplishing the purpose of his existence. So many educators believe that every student must produce five. There aren't many people who have that many. Those with five are the leaders in commerce and industry, Church and

State. But if we try to make each one a leader, who will follow? If there is a leader, there must be followers. We should teach the one-talent student to double his one talent. If he is to be a manual worker, teach him how to be a good one. Teach him the dignity of work. Teach him that he can please God better by being a good mechanic than a bad lawyer. Teach him that he will be much happier in this life and the next if he takes his one talent and doubles it.

#### The Juggler of Notre Dame

Tell him the story of a little old man called the Juggler of Notre Dame. It seems that this poor man had been given only one talent by his Creator. He could juggle. But he wasn't a very successful juggler, and his lot was one of poverty and suffering. One day he decided to dedicate his life, worthless as it was, to God. So he went to a monastery and became a monk. After he had lived in the monastery for a while, he found that the monks had a special custom. On one of the Blessed Mother's feast days, each monk did something special in her honor. The singers sang their best songs. The artists painted their best pictures. The writers penned their best poems. This made the juggler sad. What could be do?

"Well," he thought, "juggling is all I know. So I shall juggle for the Blessed Virgin before her statue." Late that night the abbot saw a strange sight. The juggler monk was standing before the statue of our Lady. And as the balls spun swiftly from his hands into the air and back again, the statue seemed to move! Mary was pleased with the juggler of Notre Dame!

### A Practical Approach

# The Religious Vacation School

Sister M. Laura, O.S.B.\*

THE Confraternity of Christian Doctrine blueprints for religious vacation schools are outstandingly practical as to means, practical as to adaptation, and practical as to end.

#### Practical as to Means

Do you mind coming along for a few moments into a world of fantasy, and taking a part yourself in a completely artificial bit of fiction? It will be artificial because the characters are too utterly naïve to be real people, but don't you believe that one single experience is unreal. I am asking you to be my Sister companion in this little skit, which receives its opening cue as we, the two little nuns (with apologies to Bill O'Malley), step off the train in the town of Parish CCD. It is still early in June, and we are feeling a bit droopy from the weeks just past, crammed as they have 

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been with activities: plays, late hours, programs, commencement, averages, report cards, cleaning for the summer, and packing and labeling that trunk! We are trying hard not to think back to some first-day experiences we have had in vacation schools: the hectic crowding of registration day, the problem of finding classrooms to fit classes, the quest of necessary permissions from school boards, the genteel "man-hunt" for stragglers whose families think they have had enough "Sister School," to say nothing of the headache of ordering more books and materials and temporarily making out with the small supply on hand. The prospect does not please, for we are just too tired.

We brighten up, though, for now two very brisk and pleasant-looking young women are bearing down on us and in a moment have our bags in charge and our course set toward their car. They are Confraternity Helpers, we learn, in the parish unit of the CCD. We'll be seeing a lot of them for a while, and of several other college men and women who are going to furnish transportation for children and teachers during the term. If we have any "odd jobs" about during summer school, they say, some of the Helpers will be on hand to do them. They're good at such things, one proudly admits. They know how to prepare clay for the modeling projects. If the teachers want to work with papier-mâché, they can call in the Helpers, who are veterans after having soaked and wrung out whole washtubs of newspaper for the shrine project last year. We aren't to worry about the housecleaning problem involved in plaster or clay projects for the smaller ones. There will be those ever willing Helpers, who want to give the fifty hours they have pledged for the year.

We are definitely brighter by the time we reach the rectory. Father greets us from the office door and invites us in, while the girls and the housekeeper bustle off with our bags.

"Just a little while to get settled," we inform Father after a preliminary chat, "and we'll be ready to get to work.'

'And what work is so urgent?" Father inquires.

We hesitate a little - then list some of the preliminary tasks we have had to do in former years such as reclassifying last year's registration cards, checking over the parish supply of materials and teaching aids, unpacking books and supplies, perhaps talking to some of the parishioners who might help out if the classes prove too large for two teachers to handle.

Father beams . . . (see, we told you this plot would never hold at the joints! A priest director of a CCD unit would have been in touch with us for weeks by mail. Let's say we're pinch-hitting at the last minute for a couple of African missionary Sisters who couldn't get back on time.). . . . Father beams, and takes from his desk a card file, neatly alphabetized. We accept the offered file box and stare in amazement. Cards under this year's date! This year's vacation school registration, all complete and in order before we arrive! Father explains with pardonable pride that the CCD Fishers have been on the job for weeks, donating much more than their fifty-hour minimum of service by making personal calls upon the Catholic families in the parish, encouraging them to enroll all their children for the summer term. They have even contacted the non-Catholic families, in a friendly and unobtrusive way, and expressed their willingness to provide any desired information or reading matter about Catholic doctrine or practice. Hence the completed registration file, available early enough to aid in accurate ordering of books, which are unpacked and ready for distribution (those Helpers - at it again!).

By this time we are actually radiant, and quite ready to interview the hesitant parishioners whom Father may suggest as possible class teachers.

"They'll be over this evening for a meeting,"

says Father. "But you'll have no problem there, Sisters. The chairman of teachers has had the list of volunteers for several weeks, and he has gathered them for six or seven weekly demonstration lessons at which they have learned the Confraternity procedures for conducting classwork in the religious vacation school. You'll be glad, I know, to hear that one of our active members, a young woman who taught public school music before she was married, will take each class daily for the singing period."

We are glad indeed, and ask Father meekly how many more aces he has concealed up his sleeve. He is most willing to enlighten us, and the organizational "aces" drop thick and fast. One of the Confraternity officers has acted as chairman for arrangements, and has secured the school building, together with all necessary permissions for use of equipment. The treasurer, as chairman of the finance committee, is proud of his report of funds, adequate for the customary offering to our mother house, for our living expenses and travel expenses, for books and supplies to be given to students not able to pay for them, and for a nice addition to the teachers' reference library besides. We make polite comments about all that efficiency, while we feel inwardly elated to think of a summer without the discomfort of sitting in a front pew during the announcements about the vacation school collection - sometimes even about its deficiencies. That announcement has always made us feel as if there were a sign on our pew saying "Walruses will be fed at 4:00." But we return our attention to Father, who has more to tell us.

The publicity committee has done an unusually fine job, and deserves part of the credit for the Fishers' success in registration so complete that it will need only to be verified on opening day. In addition to the available supply of textbooks and project books, activity materials as prescribed by the Diocesan Office are on hand.

We hear more about the school year program that will follow up the summer's work as efficiently as possible, using several of the same faithful volunteer teachers. We learn that there is a separate group in the unit called

Parent-Educators, who serve especially in promoting the practice of religion in the home. and to co-ordinate home attitudes and practices with what has been taught in the CCD classes. We get more information on the Confraternity's sponsorship of youth clubs in which free, intelligent discussion will further vitalize doctrine and motivate right practice.

We are overwhelmed. We pinch oursleves to see if we are dreaming. But the curtain drops over our little scene. It has been a fantasy, certainly, but the parish it portrays is no dream. It is a type of countless parishes all over our country.

So much for the fully organized CCD approach to the religious vacation school, an approach noted everywhere as being eminently "practical as to means." This brief sketch omits many details of the vacation school structure built by the Confraternity. The Manual of the Parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Manuals for Religious Vacation Schools are packed with further practical directions for the work.

#### Practical as to Adaptation

Now for that irksome problem: "What about the Religious Vacation Schools that we so often find as we go about? Some are just tiny mission chapels in which the pastor can come to say Mass perhaps only when there is a fifth Sunday in a month - where there can be only one or two Masses a week even during the time the Sisters are teaching the little groups gathered there. Some must be conducted in the church itself if they are to be conducted at all. Where are all the Confraternity plans for a teacher who must blast away against the din of two other groups of small fry wriggling in the benches as they learn their prayers vocally just a few feet away from her? What about the Sisters (and this is no fiction) who drove out each evening to an isolated general store where they could catch the little beet workers as they came out of the fields, sweat-stained and supperless? One Sister had to make a classroom of the front porch, where seats were improvised of inverted buckets and boxes. The other had a "classroom" back of the store, but most of its space was occupied by an immense washing machine. Sister found that she could seat her charges and see them only when she herself perched on the washing machine in the center of the room, trying hard to think of Peter's boat.

In other words, is the CCD "practical as to adaptation," when you come to the test of use? The answer is an emphatic "yes!" It is in adaptation that the Confraternity has been helping most of us during all the years we have been working in tiny vacation schools and isolated groups such as those described. The daily schedule recommended by the CCD with its wide variety of activities and new approaches is certainly adaptable.

8:15 Mass (followed in inexpensive Mass book)

9:00 Opening prayers and hymn

9:10 Picture study and sacred stories 9:30 Christian Doctrine (only 30 minutes, formally)



Vocation Month at St. Rose's High School, Belmar, N. J. Freshmen exhibit, March, 1951. The girls got into the picture, but the class president who sent the picture to C.S.J. was a boy. The school is in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

10:00 Conduct and religious practice 10:10 Recess with supervised recreation

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10:45 Liturgy 11:00 Project work

11:50 Closing prayers and dismissal.

Despite the fact that the CCD sets its educational standard so very high, it presupposes hardly any of that attainment in the preparation of the materials we are using. So simple and clearly directed are they that most of them can be used in the most primitive school situation imaginable—even in the space occupied by the dear little field-worker boys and girls mentioned before. "Practical as to adaptation?" Yes, indeed, and we who do the day labor in the vineyard wherever we are sent each year say a heartfelt and a prayerful "Thank you!" for the supplies of the CCD.

#### Practical as to End

Lastly, the third facet of the word practical

— the one that connotes "producing the best results." However much we may wish for effective organization, or for materials that add zest and interest to our classes in the religious vacation schools, we have only one wish basically — that our children may be saints. We work, and we pray, that they may grow to manhood and womanhood armed with the matchless shield of faith; brave, daring, enterprising for God's cause because of their rockfounded trust in His goodness and His care of them; ready to live well and to die well, no matter what dangers the world may place in their way.

Sisters who teach their more fortunate parish school children 36 weeks a year, five full days a week, and who teach their other children three or four weeks a year, five half-days a week, with possibly 36 other brief meetings after Sunday Mass, are appalled at the tremendous difference of opportunity for the two groups

The Sisters harp on key truths of religion, in class and out of class, using every minute, even up the river on RVS picnics, to help the children develop a Catholic mind on subjects of daily importance. There just is not enough time. And surely one must cover the whole curriculum with them, and be at the catechism one way or another a good part of the time. Indeed, and there again we must be thankful for our Confraternity materials, for they go at the catechism in all their fascinating new ways, and in so doing they keep up that necessary reiteration of the great cardinal truths that can motivate men and women to a lifetime of constant virtue.

In short, a "practical" Confraternity approach by both pastors and Sisters in their 1952 Religious Vacation School planning and actual sessions will do much to bring about the "practice" as well as the knowledge of religion by the public schoolers who need so much of both

# A New Jewel in the Crown of St. Maria Goretti

Rev. James P. Conroy\*

It WAS Saturday evening, June 24. St. Peter's Square in Rome was jammed with nearly a half million people. The sun was just going down behind the Dome and the statues of The Twelve stood out in magnificent silhouette against the darkening blue of the Italian sky. Below, on the steps of St. Peter's, the Holy Father was speaking of Maria Goretti the youthful martyr to purity whom he had just raised to the altar through canonization. Those of us who were present in that throng will never forget the ringing tones in which the Holy Father delivered his allocution that evening.

#### A Modern Patroness

Among the many concrete ideas presented in the allocution was one which can never be emphasized quite sufficiently. It is this: The Holy Father proposed St. Maria Goretti as the patroness of modern youth, "the modern St. Agnes." He gave her to the youth of the world and pleaded for her continual veneration as a saint whose influence was particularly needed in these times. He set July 6 as her feast day.

In the nearly two years following the canonization of this little saint, devotion to her has spread in this country, but has it grown sufficiently to match the filial hopes of the Supreme Pontiff? Has she become the advocate of American Catholic youth in the sense that she is regarded by them as a special intercessor during these times? Youth

will say with conviction, "this is our problem!" — meaning purity — but do they realize that they have been given a special saint in answer to this problem? Does devotion to



St. Maria Goretti a Patron for Modern Youth.

St. Maria Goretti form an integral part of of the prayers of American youth for purity of life?

The Fighting 69th, a movement now numbering more than 400,000 youth in the United States, its territorial possessions, and several foreign countries, has made some attempt, at least, to answer these challenging questions. Open to all youth of high school age and older, as well as to servicemen and women, it has adopted St. Maria Goretti as patroness. Founded to bring about a stricter observance

of the sixth and ninth commandments (from which it gets its name) through devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the movement is now meeting one of the special needs of the youth of our times. It asks its members to pledge themselves to avoid the occasions of sin against the sixth and ninth commandments and urges them to avail themselves of the many devotions in honor of the Two Hearts.

Members of the Fighting 69th sign pledge cards which they carry with them at all times. They show their cards to others and are continually attempting to recruit new "Campaigners." Parties, dates, dances, thus become challenging occasions for the work of the Fighting 69th and more often than not are used as opportunities by members for spreading the work. There is no question of the fitness of the choice which makes St. Maria Goretti patroness of all of this activity. Those who enlist in the Fighting 69th do so out of regard for a virtue, the love of which cost St. Maria Goretti her life. It now seems that the time is ripe to take a further step in establishing the name of this little Saint for American Catholic vouth

It has been mentioned that July 6 is her feast day. Campaigners for the Fighting 69th are shortly going to be asked to observe this feast day with a novena which will begin on June 29 and end on Sunday, July 6. It is hoped that the majority of them will be able to observe the nine days preceding the feast with Mass and Holy Communion, but if this

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is not possible they will be urged to some kind of appropriate prayers for each of the nine days. A special novena by the author of this article and based on the canonization homily of Pope Pius XII, has already been written for this purpose.

#### An Invitation to Youth

But why should this be restricted only to the 400,000 members of the *Fighting 69th?* Surely every American Catholic youth should participate in this observance of the feast of St. Maria Goretti. This will include grade school as well as high school and college

It will be argued that July 6 is not the most advantageous time for our Catholic youth to observe a special Communion day. July 6 occurs in the middle of summer. Youth are scattered to jobs, summer camps, and vacations. It will not be easy to contact them, certainly not as easy as it would be during the school year. For these reasons many will say that such an idea is doomed to unhonored failure. Nevertheless, it must also be admitted that at no time of the year are our youth so surrounded by the forces of paganism. Vacation time in the U.S. is frequently but a byword for spiritual negligence and sin. The evil of impurity exerts its strongest influence during the summer vacation period. Idleness, the trend toward nudism, and the relaxation of spiritual practices form a combination difficult for many youth to withstand. This has been so in the past and the seriousness of the situation is only heightened

with each passing summer vacation.

What a wonderful boon to the spiritual life of our American Catholic youth should July 6 become a summer oasis for the refurbishing of jaded spiritual forces. How consoling to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary should this day, in the middle of summer, find thousands of American Catholic youth at holy Mass and the Communion rail. What a jewel in the crown of the new little St. Maria Goretti! What a forceful argument for the future spiritual health of the Church in America!

#### An Early Announcement

These are breathtaking challenges which outweigh all difficulty in the attempt to meet them. Should they be realized, any effort to gain the goal would be worth while. It can be done. If teachers and those in charge of Catholic schools begin, even now, to point to the feast day and the preceding novena, much will be already accomplished. If this were presented in the form of a challenge, many extra thousands of generous youth certainly would respond. The effort cannot possibly be a total failure for surely there is everything to gain and little to lose. The reason July 6 has been assigned by His Holiness as the feast day of St. Maria Goretti, is simply because it marks the day of her death her birthday into heaven. This is providential then, an act of God, and therefore not to be treated lightly by those to whom she has been given as a special patroness. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

In the natural way a girl destined to marry starts a "hope chest," filling it with treasured items—a frilly, lacy article here; daintily hand-embroidered linens there; everything of the best.

My hope chest is vastly different, for it is my heart. Unwittingly I have begun to fill it with my longing desires, for it may be that I am one of many to be the bride of Christ. In my heart are the many happy hours I have spent talking with God and the consolation He has given me. And while I am awaiting the realization of this great goal, I must further fill my heart with treasures, to be worthy of this supreme dignity. Hence I must be pure. for He is Purity itself; humble, for in my smallness His greatness grows and expands. simple, to entice to Him all with whom I come into contact; obedient, to do His will cheerfully. I must be charitable, to love my neighbor with the heart of Christ; generous, to step out of the ranks with a strong "I will," at the call of heavy duty. I must acquire the spirit of prayer, continuously lifting my heart and soul to Him; I must love Mary, God's mother and mine, to love her Son more and more deeply; I must receive Holy Communion frequently to identify myself with Christ. I must study the Gospel, to make His way my manner of living.

Furthermore, I must make myself physically fit. I may have to carry Christ to foreign lands, to war-torn zones, to disease-infested areas, through unspeakable dangers. I may even have to face martyrdom. I must be strong.

And when the day of acceptance finally comes, and I don the somber habit in place of my satin bridal gown, and exchange orange blossoms for Christ's crown of thorns, nothing to me, will be more beautiful than the wedding ceremony, my own, when in the presence of my bridegroom I pronounce my oath to Himmy vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—"Until Death Doth Unite Us," and in turn hear His words of approval, "Come, My beloved, for it is you whom I have lovingly awaited, come My fair one, My spouse."

# "COME, FOLLOW ME"

Shirley Wagner

Editor's Note. This essay on vocations was submitted in a contest by the N.C.W.C. in connection with a Vocation Institute for the junior high schools of the Diocese of Lafayette (Ind.), April 1, 1951. The author is Shirley Wagner, 13, of St. Mary's School, Anderson, Ind. The school is conducted by the Sisters of the Holy Cross and the essay was submitted to the Catholic School Journal by Sister M. Christella, junior high school sponsor.

The Gospel relates the story of a rich young man who asked Christ the surest way of gaining heaven and who, upon hearing, "Go, sell what thou hast . . . and come, follow Me," sadly turned away, for he loved his riches far too much to follow Christ so closely.

A vocation, then, is a repeated call of Jesus, counseling chosen souls to serve Him in a perfect manner. To some the consequent renunciation is a wrenching hardship; to others, on the contrary, an inestimable privilege to be thus singled out by the great God.

In the May days of my life I seem to hear this call, recognizing it by the growing esteem for the things of God, by an awakening desire to respond to this invitation. I feel that I should give Him my mind, my heart, my will.



The author of "Come, Follow Me" is standing, third from the left, in this picture of the art exhibit at St. Mary's School, Anderson, Ind. At the extreme left is a glimpse of a vocation exhibit. A feature of the art exhibit was the baptismal certificates of the pupils, hand painted and illuminated.

# Practical Aids for the Teacher

# A Community Appreciation Survey

Brother Leo V. Ryan, C.S.V.\*

Social science courses and business education subjects afford innumerable opportunities for students to participate in activities which reach beyond the narrow confines of the classroom. A Community Appreciation Survey represents a project which makes the student study his home town and evaluate community assets.

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Consumer education, economics, government, sociology, and other courses in the social science and business areas are scoped to the local level. A surprisingly high percentage of the high school population holds a biased opinion of the local community. In their inexperienced insight these students tend to overlook the short-comings of other communities and underestimate the dynamic features of their own. This attitude results primarily from lack of objective evaluation of their home town. A "Community Appreciation Survey," effectively blended into the class program, can contribute toward converting skeptical students into community-wise citizens.

My initial experience with the Survey was on the college level. Professor Hugh L. Riordan of Marquette University used a similar project in marketing as a means of assimilating social, political, and economic backgrounds on Milwaukee. Later I named the activity, organized a similar project for the secondary level, and used it to advantage among the business education students attending Cathedral Boys' High School, Springfield, Ill. With adaptations, such a project can be used effectively in any course in the social science or business curriculums. The outline suggested here represents the procedure used at Cathedral. The project may be varied according to the community considered, subject concerned, or the students involved.

#### Local Background

Preliminary preparation for the project came in a series of "teaser" questions on Springfield asked almost daily over a period of several weeks. These questions were such that they puzzled the bulk of the students and occasionally provoked class discussions. The class was readily conditioned for the activity.

Students were given an assignment to collect folders, leaflets, and booklets describing their community. Most of this material was secured by the individual students from the chamber of commerce. By prearrangement with Robert Irwin, chamber secretary, the chamber of commerce

staff was alerted to the impending visitation by students soliciting material. Highest praise must be accorded these public servants for their wholehearted co-operation with the school and the students. Students were also encouraged to collect and submit magazine and newspaper recognition of Springfield and the surrounding area. These items were posted on the class bulletin

Next students were asked to prepare an assignment discussing: "Why I Like to Live in Springfield." Five reasons were required. At the outset many students protested that they did not like Springfield. In that case, I agreed to let those students take the negative view of the question, if they could substantiate their objections with good reasoning. When the papers were submitted not a single student had selected the negative analysis.

#### Cataloging Assets

Reasons proffered aligned themselves in definite categories. From these reasons could be deduced certain "community assets" which tended, in the minds of the students, to create a favorable attitude toward their home town.

For the next step in the "Community Appreciation Survey" each student was asked to select some asset of the city and to prepare a succinct paragraph describing the place or event. No duplications were allowed. Each paragraph was submitted, corrected, returned, and rewritten before the final product was approved for typing on a four by six index card.

Topics covered included: agriculture, historical sites (Lincoln's home and tomb, New Salem), recreational facilities (Lake Springfield), newspapers, mineral resources (coal), famous residents (Lincoln, Vachel Lindsey, Robin Roberts), city government, transportation (railroads, bus lines, and airlines), factories, churches (especially Roman Catholic and Episcopalian cathedrals), and schools (parochial and public) among the 36 assets selected. These 36 situations reviewed constituted 36 reasons why Springfield was a good city in which to live

The card summaries can be used for a variety of purposes. They may be sent to several national magazines as ideas or reference cards pending publication of articles on the community. Ideas may be secured from such articles as the "Cities of America" series featured in the Saturday Evening Post. Another set may be posted collectively, or individually over a

period of time, with appropriate photographs collected or taken by the students. These may be displayed in the classroom, library, or in the school corridors. A community scrapbook maintained by class later it may be donated to the school or community library.

#### Newspaper Co-operation

An activity of this nature has human interest value as a potential feature article for the local newspapers. The best method of securing this attention is to contact the city editor and explain the project. Most newspaper people see the immediate value of the undertaking and sense the story value. The Illinois State Register featurized last year's Survey sponsored by the consumer education class at Cathedral High School and used pictures of the class with the students holding their evaluation of a community asset. In addition the staff writer incorporated ideas from the five reasons submitted by each student for enjoying the privilege of living in Springfield into the feature article. Only one newspaper could use the story as feature material, but the other papers gave the activity news

The "Community Appreciation Survey" may be altered and adapted for any situation and almost any course from English through the social sciences to the business education field.

Most important, the Survey contributes to an alert civic pride among the adolescent citizenry, a pride based on facts and steeped in a true appreciation of the benefits offered by the community. Civic achievements find their firm foundation in the endurance of such constructive

#### DELINQUENCY ERASED

Rev. Thomas S. Hansberry was largely responsible for reducing juvenile delinquency in Claremont, N. H., from 50 cases in 1943 to 16 in 1946, and three in 1951. He asked the chief of police to send Catholic juvenile offenders to him. He made friends with the boys, talked to their parents, and kept constant watch. Protestant clergymen took the cue from him and used the same procedure.

To stimulate the religious instruction program of the Confraternity of Christian doctrine in one of his parishes, Father Hansberry has organized monthly chaperoned socials with a 12-piece dance band and a 5-piece hillbilly band composed of high school students.

Father Hansberry is now field representative for the National center of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

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#### Seeing is Believing

# SIMPLE VISUAL AIDS

#### Sister Christine\*

Living as we do in an age of motion pictures and television, of comic books and commercial demonstrations, the youth who face us in our classrooms today are definitely "sight" minded. Of the conglomeration of facts that absorb their interest from the rising of the sun, not until the setting of it, but far into the night, most of these pieces of information enter their minds through the eyes. It is the wise teacher who realizes this and uses visual aids to reinforce her teaching.

Much has been written about the techniques of using films and film strips in the classroom. Educators have explained the necessity of preparing students for the lesson, summarizing the results, and checking for teaching value. But many teachers have not shown sufficient interest in the possibilities of homemade visual aids that offer a more certain approach to the individual problem that exists within the school and whose answer can be most readily found just there.

#### Techniques for the Bulletin Board

Simplest among the devices listed as visual aids is the bulletin board. Although students must be trained by the teacher to regard this medium of information as important, the bulletin board, when attractively arranged, can play a dominant role in reinforcing instruction.

Of course, plain brown cork supplies a good background, but the various seasons profit by gayer coloring. Window display shops afford a variety of figured paper, particularly of the corrugated kind. Ship scenes, landscapes, fall leaves, each in season, enliven the walls of the classrooms. Cutout pictures and letters pinned, stapled, or pasted on this background stand out in relief.

Recently the dime stores have been selling rolls of shelf paper in solid colors and in conservative floral designs. Although this paper does not take either poster paint or ink, it presents a cheerful and attractive background where cutout letters are used.

Genuine art work presents an unsurmountable hurdle to the ordinary teacher whose drawing experience frequently consists of underling words. With the use of the opaque projector, gratifying results can be obtained. A small picture or model may be placed in the frame of the projector and a large sheet of paper or a piece of cardboard taped to the wall. Once the picture is focused on the large sheet and made the size desired for the bulletin board, it may be sketched accurately with comparatively little artistic skill. A

partially darkened room will answer the purpose. Coloring may be done either with the opaque still focused or after the picture is taken down.

The "New Year" bulletin board shows black duvetyn used as a background. This is a display cloth obtainable from most window-decorating shops. It is economical because it can be brushed and put away for many seasons' wear. Four colors—black, blue, brown, and maroon—supply sufficient variety for the year in an average high school classroom.

#### Slides and Films

Slides and films open new vistas to the teacher who is either an amateur or professional photographer. For instance, teaching the editorial and printing setup of the school paper can be shown by a film strip in which the actual staff room and local printing office may be represented in detail. The printer is usually flattered at such a service and lends his co-operation gladly. By this means, new reporters and journalists can follow the construction of the paper from the first step of page planning to the final distribution of the finished sheet.

Freshman orientation in a large school may be handled in the same way. Before freshmen are allowed to tour the building, even under the supervision of guides, a film strip showing the points of interest and the general layout of the building will make the tour more valuable. Teachers and student council officers may be introduced by the same method. This system of acquainting new students with their school has been used effectively at Seton High School, Baltimore, Md., where the school plant includes two buildings.

In the business department, film strips can be used to demonstrate the various machines while their basic manipulation is explained by the teacher. When this method of introduction is used, familiarity with the working of the machine is hastened and much confusion avoided.

In every school there is the ageless problem of developing character, instilling courtesy, and fostering school spirit. Many good films and film strips have been produced for this purpose. However, an experiment carried on several years ago netted excellent results in all three fields.

Armed with a movie kodak and two floodlights, yards of extension wire, and a student assistant, one of the teachers devoted the last six weeks of school to preparing a courtesy film centered about the points of courtesy, character formation, and school spirit that the school was stressing.

By means of a running story, a freshman was shown interviewing the guidance counselor who turned her over to the student council president. This young student felt that she was not successful either scholastically of socially. Acting on the suggestion of the counselor that this sense of insecurity might be due to a lack of courtesy, the student council representative took her through a day at school.

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The bulletin board cleverly suggests thoughts of the season or ideas for a current school project.

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After the pictures were taken and developed, the story was typed and titles made in an Eastman titler by the same person who took the shots. When these likewise were developed, they were spliced into place and the film was ready for showing. Since then it has formed a part of the home-room guidance program for each class during the first month of school and is reviewed at the opening of the second term.

The expense for such a project was not exhorbitant. In this particular instance, expired film (which is much cheaper than the "future dated" kind) was used for all outdoor work. Experience in photography may make the taking of pictures easier and perhaps better, but it is not essential for satisfying results. Much information can be obtained from magazines, pamphlets, and books regarding photography. Ordinarily these articles are written for the amateur and the language is simple and easily understood. Most film dealers



A Poster Made by Using a Projected Picture as a Guide.

are generous with both time and advice.

Concealed in every school are countless opportunities to make our students better Catholic citizens and to prepare them to live their

lives more effectively. Visual aids, better than any other medium, can bring these opportunities to light and capitalize on them for better teaching.

### A Vocation Playlet

# ALONG GOD'S WAY

#### Sister Jean Marie, O.S.B.\*

CHARACTERS: Sister Dolores, Mary, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Brown, Jack, Jerry, Bill, Blessed Mother, The Devil, Announcer.

#### Act I

SETTING: Curtain rises showing a living room, with a table and lamp. Mrs. Brown is sewing and Mr. Brown is reading a paper. Jack, Jerry, and Bill enter and sit down in comfortable positions. All three look expectant, as if they were waiting for someone. Mary enters dressed for a dance.

JACK: Now just look, boys, who walks in all dressed up.

BILL: And where are you going tonight, fair lady?

JERRY [as Mary smiles and picks up the book "Written in Heaven"]: I do believe it is to a convent and in all that finery, too.

Mary: Well, Jerry, you aren't so far off the mark as you think you are. In fact I am thinking of becoming a nun. You know reading this book made me think.

JACK: You're certainly making a wonderful start going to a dance.

Bill: Are you going to announce your departure there?

Mrs. Brown: Boys, I don't think you should tease Mary like that. Being a nun is

Mr. Brown: I agree with Mother. After all, Mary should be able to make a remark without causing all that fuss.

[The doorbell rings.]

Mary: Goodnight, dad. Goodnight, Mother. [Kisses Mother on the forehead.]

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Mrs. Brown: Have a nice time, dear, and come home early.

JACK [opening the door with much ceremony]: Bob might be interested in what you just told us. Do you want me to tell him?

Mary [pulling Jack's tie]: You are very solicitous, darling brother. When the time comes I'll tell him myself.

[As Mary leaves the boys drift out one by one.]

JACK: I have to make a phone call.

BILL: I think I'll go to bed early.

JERRY: I have to look up some references for my night class.

Mrs. Brown: Do you think she is serious? Mr. Brown: I'm inclined to think she is.

When she smiles that way it is like a go signal.

Mrs. Brown: I never told you but long ago, when she had pneumonia, I was frightened. I promised the Blessed Mother, when the shadow of death crossed her face, that I would give my little girl to her Son, if she ever lived to grow up. Mary opened her eyes then, and grew better very fast. However, as she grew older, I had reason to believe that the Blessed Mother had no intention of taking her into her Son's service. But now—

Mr. Brown: You would like to keep her here?

MRS. BROWN: No, I only want her to follow out the designs of God. Mary is no longer a child. She must choose for herself what she wishes to do. I shall neither stand in her way when her decision is made, nor shall I influence her in making it.

Mr. Brown: I don't think you need to worry. Mary is a clear thinker, and she will either think her way out of this, or into it. My one wish is that she will be happy, although it will be like taking the sunshine out of my life to see her enter a convent, where I shall seldom see her.

Mrs. Brown [rising]: While you go down to fix the furnace I'll lock the doors.

#### Act I

[Mary returning from the dance tiptoes in and quietly turns on the light. She looks about the room with a sad expression. Suddenly, spying an ash tray, she moves it a little forward.]

Mary: Jack didn't fill the ash tray as he usually does. I do hope I wasn't too blunt tonight, but I just had to see how they all would react. I don't think the boys relished the idea in the least. [Picks up a tennis racket and runs her fingers over it.]

Devil [enters and stands in background]. How can you ever give up all the things that bring you so much pleasure? Can you see yourself day after day getting up at five o'clock in the morning? Then the long prayers, and you know you are not given to spending long hours on your knees. You're not holy enough. Besides you are hurting your parents and brothers. There will be long hours in the classroom with all kinds of children. What about complaining parents? You'll have to listen to them, you know. There will be no opening of doors or any kind of catering. You will receive no compliments; and you will be always alone. Ha, ha, ha.

Mary [falling on her knees before a statue of the Blessed Mother, and taking her rosary in her hand]: Dear Blessed Mother, give me courage. I have prayed so very hard to know

what God wants me to do. Each day I kneel before your altar, in St. John's Church, and beg you to help me. I am so very mixed up and so awfully tired. [Sits in rocker clasping her rosary and closing her eyes.]

BLESSED MOTHER [dressed in blue, with a circlet of gold stars about the white veil on her head. As she enters she pushes the devil aside and coming near to Mary she looks at her and smiles tenderly]: I have not forgotten you, Mary, nor has my divine Son. Satan has shown you only the glories of the world. Would you be happy living only for yourself and life's empty pleasures? How my divine Son desires your heart! But you must be brave enough to leave all.

MARY [awakening and rubbing her eyes]: That sleep did me a world of good. I feel as if everything is going to be all right now.

#### Act III

[The three brothers are sitting in the living room talking.]

BILL: What do you think about Mary's going to the convent, Jerry?

JERRY: I'm not too keen about her going but if that is what she wants I'd never stand in her way.

BILL: I was talking to Jim Conway the other day. You know, he works in the office with Mary. He said she has been so restless the past few months. She just doesn't seem to be her usual happy self. He wondered what was wrong, and of course, I couldn't tell him she had the convent on her mind.

Jack: Helen Adams entered somewhere—St. Marys, Pa., I think was the name. Naturally it was fine for Helen. She was quiet and cared very little for dances and things like that. If I have anything to say about it, Mary's

JERRY: If I know anything about it Mary won't listen to what you have to say. She has a mind of her own. After all it's her life. We always stuck together through thick and thin and I'm not letting her down now.

Mary [enters with a bright smile]: Good

· BILL: Has our nun changed her mind? It happens to be ten o'clock and not five o'clock in the morning.

Mary: Not at all. My mind is on the same track. In fact I intend to go down to the Benedictine Convent to see Helen Adams in a few days. Remember, I'm on a vacation.

JACK: I imagine Helen Adams will want you to call her Sister Dolores.

MARY: And how does my charming brother happen to know what her name is?

JACK: After you went to your dance last night I went out to Joe Adam's farm. He had just been down to see Helen, I mean Sister Dolores. Joe said that he just got a notion that he wanted to see her, He had quite a story to tell about bells. His Sister got up when the first one rang, saying she had to go to "Matins," whatever that is. She gave him a book to read.

BILL: Imagine Joe reading a spiritual book in a convent parlor.

JACK: He said when he got nerve enough to

pick it up, another bell rang. Then Joe heard some praying. It went on for nearly an hour and during that time the bell rang two or three times. After he had bitten his fingernails all off he decided that he'd better go out and get a plug of tobacco to chew on. Joe said Sister Dolores came back just in time and he didn't have to.

MARY: Who is stretching the truth? You

BILL: That Ioe is a clown.

Mary: Thanks for the information about Helen's name. I'm going out now to send her a telegram about my visiting her a few days.

JERRY [whispering to Mary]: Remember, Mary, I'm with you if this is what you want and I'll help you all I can.

BILL [smiling at Jack]: You're a big help. You gave her the information she wanted. [Jack looks disgusted.]

#### Act IV

Setting: Curtain rises showing a classroom. A Sister is sitting at the desk correcting papers.

SISTER DOLORES [smiling suddenly and going to the door]: Do come in, Mary. My, but it seems so good to see someone from home. [Motions for Mary to sit down in chair near desk.]

Mary: Sister, I came down because I need your help.

SR. D.: Of course. Your telegram did surprise me. Now first tell me about yourself and we'll talk about everyone at home later.

Mary: Sister, I think God has given me a vocation.

SR. D.: Fine, Mary.

Mary: I don't think it's so fine, Sister. The more I think about it the more complicated it gets. It has me all mixed up. I just can't seem to get up enough courage to leave everything. Besides everyone says I'm not the type.

SR. D. [amused]: What do you think is the

type?

MARY: Well... I would say the individual who is always calm, and yes, passive. Someone who cares nothing about sports or dancing. She will say yes and no, if that is what anyone wants her to say. A person who likes to pray and is always the same. Above all she mustn't be too fond of her family. Do I make myself clear?

SR. D. [laughs]: You've described a clay saint, Mary. One without a heart. I would find her very dull and I think you would too. In other words she walks with her hands folded and her eyes in a crack. I know what you mean all right but she is no ideal.

MARY: I have only average ability. Besides I'm not too fond of studying.

SR. D.: I don't think St. Peter was a genius.

Mary: Yes, but don't you have to be rather intellectual?

Sr. D.: An average mind and a heart that is ready to do great things for Christ are all that are needed.

MARY: What about the nuns? Are they all what you would call ideal?

SR. D.: No, Mary, perfection is never found on this earth. We only seek perfection. No matter where you go there will be people

whom you will dislike. You will find them even in convents.

Mary: Don't you ever miss your home?

SR. D.: You never really forget the people with whom you grow up, Mary. A few years ago Mother was quite ill. I obtained permission to stay with her for a week. It used to be when I had a hard day in school I would long for the forests and the wide open spaces. In other words I wanted the great outofdoors to soothe my tired heart. When I went back after ten years it had all changed so. My brother no longer teased me but explained. with infinite patience, all about his scientific farm machinery. When I went near a fence one day, a cow surveyed me with cool contempt, then turned and walked quietly away. Even the cows regarded me as an intruder. I was glad to get back to the convent when the week was at its end.

Mary: Then it was a struggle for you at first?

SR. D.: Life is a struggle, until you learn to see the will of God in all things. But come, you are tired. We will discuss your vocation and things at home later, after you have rested. I'll take you to the convent now and let you meet some of the nuns. I don't think you'll meet many of the ideal you just described.

[Exeunt]

#### Act V

Announcer: And so ten years passed. Mary was now Sister Patricia. Winter snows melted into spring flowers and spring turned into summer's heat. Later autumn leaves turned colors and fell noiselessly to the ground. Sister Patricia had never turned back, although her temptations were strong and many.

SR. D. [Enters and sits at desk correcting papers. Looks toward the door, smiles and rises]: Sister Patricia, what a pleasant surprise!

SR. P. [breathless]: I only came in to say "hello." Do you remember ten years ago in this very room I came to you?

SR. D.: And tried every loophole to decide you had no vocation? But tell me what are you doing here now and how do you like your country mission?

SR. P. [putting a thick envelope on desk]: It is all in there, Sister. I wrote because I didn't know I would come home with Sister George. She had to see a doctor. I love the country, even when the windows rattle and mice find their way to our trap. But good-by until spring. I have already overstayed and the car is waiting for me.

SR. D. [going to door]: Good-by, Sister. Good bless your work.

SR. D. [taking Crucifix on the desk into her hand]: Please, dear Lord, send us more like her. We need her energy and gaiety to carry on Your work. So many of the Sisters are weary from a burden which seems too heavy because there are so few. We are trying so hard to accomplish Your work but some of us are so tired.

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### THEY LIKED GEOMETRY

Sister M. Inviolata, R.S.M., principal of Saint Xavier Academy in Chicago, thinks that her fellow readers of the Catholic School Journal will enjoy the accompanying pictures and comments of her students.

#### Geometry Is Fun

There must be some good reason why people have studied geometry for hundreds of years. This subject has grown gradually from the beginning of civilization. It may sound absurd but even in the most primitive of times people thought mathematically. You may think that this has nothing to do with geometry being fun but it does. Can't you imagine how amazed the primitive man was when he learned to measure and count and to compare the different sizes and shapes around him? I'll make a sure bet that you are just as amazed and fascinated at the things you have learned to do since you began to study geometry. Geometry also helps us to think clearly, and if there is anything we need it is clear thinking in this world. It would prevent snap judgments and give us a chance to voice our opinion and to accept the opinion of others. - Sheila Searle.

#### Geometry Is Fun

When I walked into my first geometry class this year, I thought that it would be the dullest subject that I have ever taken. Well, that's where I was wrong. Completely wrong. Geometry is hard. There is no getting away from it. But, it is fascinating. A person can test his or her intelligence by reasoning out a few problems. If a person can reason well, she is very intelligent. So far from geometry I can think more carefully and exactly. I heard the girls last year saying that I would like geometry better than algebra. I didn't believe it at the time, but since then my mind has changed. In geometry your eyes can deceive you very easily. It is interesting to know how triangles can be divided and classified. What I like about geometry is that all the work that has to be done must be done by yourself and you usually have to give a reason to verify your answer. When I do an assignment all correct, I really feel that I have accomplished something. I often think what kind of world we would have if we did not know geometry. All buildings have geometry fundamentals in their construction. I can truthfully say that geometry is fun. A subject that is alive and fascinating will always be fun. - Gabrielle Walters.

#### Geometry Can Be Fun

Two years ago, upon asking my cousin what homework he had, "Oh, geometry," in a disgusted voice was his answer. He certainly didn't find any fun in it.

Now I am studying geometry, and I think, with a little imagination, geometry can be

lots of fun. In our school the geometry teacher ran a contest for the geometry pupils. It was called the "G.O. Metric Hat Shoppe" and the hats had to be in a definite geometric shape. Of course, once you had a shape, imagination could run wild with veils, ribbons, bells, and what have you.

There are many contests like this and the really nice thing about them is that they help you get acquainted with the work and know it better. So with contests like these, that make work easier I think that geometry can be fun. — Patricia Kinney.





Geometric Activities at St. Xavier Academy
Upper picture: Admiring the Geometric Hat Shop; lower: Measuring and
drawing angles. Note the geometric designs above the blackboard.

## Bulletin Boards and Borders

Sister Gabriel, O.S.U.\*

#### MARCH - APRIL

Since Lent begins, or is well on its way in March, we begin our Lenten practices. Each pupil is asked to cut a cross uniform in size as desired by the teacher. Various colors of paper may be used, but for an effective blackboard, I would use white or very delicate pastel shades. The pupil prints his or her name across the front and after prayer and a few minutes' reflection writes some pious practice or penance on the back. The crosses are then ready to be thumbtacked or pasted to the bulletin board or blackboard as designated. "Helping Jesus Carry the Cross to Calvary" is the theme for Lent. "No Cross, No Crown" is likewise impressed upon them and at the

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close of the penitential season a crown made from gold or yellow paper is placed by the cross of those who fulfilled their promise. Natty little "Easter Bonnets" are made for their mothers or sisters by using lace paper doilies and small nut cups. The doilies are pasted on thin pastel paper and then cut to fit. The cups are used for the crown and gay ribbon and flowers are added for decoration. If preferred they may be made without the colored paper and are all the more lacy and delicate.

A simple but impressive poster may be made with a large paper cross of lavender or purple and this mounted on a green background. At the foot of the cross, a sheaf of palm, (or pussy willow) gives a touch of Easter triumph to the classroom.

#### THE CALENDAR: MARCH

Mar. 2. First Sunday of Lent. Mar. 5, 7, 8. Ember Days of Lent.

Mar. 7. St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Schools. What is meant by "Doctor of the Church"? (Here "doctor" has its original Latin meaning, "teacher.") Why was St. Thomas named a patron of schools?

Mar. 8. St. John of God, Confessor. What is meant here by "Confessor"? St. John of God, more than four centuries ago, founded the Hospitaller Brothers, a religious organization for the care of the sick and the poor. These Brothers are very much in need of vocations in the United States. They will be glad to send you literature for your Vocation Month Program. Write to them at the Monastery of St. John of God, Gloucester, Mass.

Mar. 12. St. Gregory, Pope, Confessor, Doctor of the Church.

Mar. 17. St. Patrick, Bishop, Confessor. The editor of The Christian Life Calendar surely won't object to our quoting what he says for this day, namely: "St. Patrick said, 'Constantly I used to pray. Love of God . . . increased more and more, and my faith grew and my spirit was stirred up, so that in a single day I said as many as a hundred prayers.' And that was done in his youth as a captive." The children may wear a shamrock today, but the priest will not wear green vestments.

Mar. 19. St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of Our Lord. After low Mass, we ask him to protect God's holy Church as he protected Jesus and Mary. Tell the children to ask him to protect them and to obtain for them the grace of a happy death.

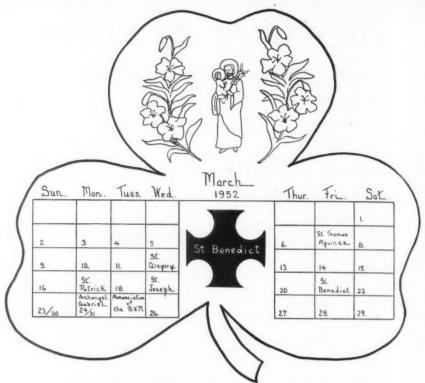
Mar. 21. St. Benedict, Abbot. What is an "abbot"? St. Benedict founded a great pioneer religious order.

Mar. 22. St. Isidore, the Farmer, a Confessor. He has been adopted as the patron of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. The children, especially in rural areas, should know all about the N.C.R.L. Conference.

Mar. 24. St. Gabriel, Archangel. What is an archangel? St. Gabriel is known especially well because he was the first one to say "Hail Mary" to our Blessed Lady.

Mar. 25. Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. At this time the Son of God became also the Son of Mary.

Mar. 30. Passion Sunday, the beginning of the most solemn part of Lent.



A March Calendar designed by Sister M. Rosetta, O.S.B., St. Joseph's Orphanage, North Little Rock, Ark.

Features of the design bring to mind three prominent saints of the month. On each school day is recorded the grade earned by a pupil in a given subject and on Saturday the average for the week. If the average is 90 or more, a star is put in the space for Sunday. Each child colors his shamrock for the bulletin board.

#### **Special Events**

#### **Vocation Month**

March is being observed as Vocation Month — a highly superfluous reminder to those who are reading this issue of the "Catholic School Journal." The Holy Father's mission intention for March fits in very well with Vocation Month. The intention is: The Preservation of the Faith in Latin America, Many North American Priests, Brothers, and Sisters now are going as missionaries to Latin America, This is a good place to tell you that the Christian Brothers at Napa, Calif., are distributing a lot of posters and teaching aids, many of them dealing with vocations. For a large illustrated catalog giving prices write to: Religious Education, Mount La Salle, Napa, Calif.

For Last year's vocation number of the "Catholic School Journal," Most Rev. William J. Mulloy, bishop of Covington, Ky., obtained for us the leading article and supplied a lot of the inspiration. Bishop Mulloy has been especially zealous in promoting vocations. One of his projects is the publication annually of a pictorial magazine entitled Careers at the Crossroads. The issue for March, 1951, was a masterpiece of journalism, profusely illustrated, telling about the hundreds of jobs being done by Priests,

Brothers, and Sisters at home and on the missions.

#### Red Cross

During March the American Red Cross will conduct its annual drive for funds and membership. The Red Cross deserves any help our schools can give to its drive. It stands ready to help you or your community in any emergency—flood, fire, highway accident, nursing service, etc. In time of war, the Red Cross gives all sorts of service to the men who are serving our country. It collects donations of blood for servicemen, helps the men to solve their personal problems, sometimes lends them money when the need is urgent, and helps to serve prisoners, etc. The Junior Red Cross prepares gifts, correspondence albums, paintings, and various items for the needy at home or in foreign countries.

#### School Savings

The Treasury Department is sending to schools the spring number of the "School Savings Journal." This attractive publication tells how schools are promoting the sale of U. S. Savings Stamps and Savings Bonds. It contains a teaching unit entitled: Money and How to Handle It. There is also the usual lift-out poster for classroom use.

# God's Garden of the Sky

#### A Science Broadcast for Lower Elementary Grades

#### Sister M. Lorenz, R.S.M. \*

#### A Study Guide

Before the broadcast learn the names, or at least become familiar with their sounds: Dotty, Giant (Orion, the star), the angel guardians of the stars—Orion, Great Ursa, Little Ursa, Eta, Zeta, Epsilon, Delta, Gamma.

Vocabulary Study. Big Dipper, Little Dipper, glistening fur, Pointers, form the cup, globe, the Hare, North Star (Pole Star), magnificent, constellation.

After the broadcast discuss: How Dotty knew that there were great distances between the stars. How she found out who Great Ursa was. Little Ursa, What colors there are in Orion. What the two common names of Polaris are. [The difficult names should not have any attention given them.] How she found out that Orion cannot always be seen in our skies.

Creative Expression: Draw the Big Dipper. Draw the Little Dipper. How well did you listen? When you look at the stars tonight, will you try to find Great Ursa (Big Dipper) and Little Ursa (Little Dipper)? Do you want to know more about the stars?

The broadcast is to supplement the science lesson. The study guide is as necessary, therefore, as the script. If the script cannot be used over the air, it can be used to advantage over the school PA system. It was written to be enacted by the children themselves. It is the first in a series dealing with the stars, and is offered here as a guide for such writing according to the original purposes when written at the NBC-NURadio-TV Institute last summer.

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#### The Characters

DOTTY, six years old, a sweet personality. GIANT, a high school boy, gruff but kindly. ANGEL GUARDIANS OF THE STARS, 7 or 8 of them, voices must be different. They have the names of the stars—ORION, GREAT URSA, LITTLE URSA, the stars of the Great Bear (ETA. Zeta, Epsilon, Delta, Gamma), etc. Music: [Theme up and under].

ANNOUNCER: In co-operation with KWCR, the Catholic Schools Radio Council presents "In God's Garden" the first in the series The Story of God's Universe to be heard every week at this same time over this station.

Music: [Cross fade into something melodious and light under and out].

DOTTY [with delight]: Oooooooooo!
G. Ursa: Now, what do you think?

L. URSA: An earth child!

ORION: So it is!

DOTTY [voice filled with awe]: Who are you?

ORION: We are the little guardians of all

the wonderful things in God's Garden of the Sky.

DOTTY: You are very beautiful, like angels. G. Ursa: You may call us angels.

DOTTY: Everything up here is so very, very big and down on the earth—

L. Ursa: Everything seems so very, very small you wonder now how we can guard it all.

Orion: But we are spirits.

G. Ursa: And can go from place to place as quickly as thought.

DOTTY [puzzled]: I don't know what you mean when you say as quickly as thought.

ORION: Now, little girl, you think of some place that you would rather be right now than any place else.

DOTTY: But I don't want to be any place else but right here.

L. URSA: Are you sure?

G. URSA: Not even visiting your grandmother?

DOTTY: No, 'cause you see I was visiting my grandmother —

L. Ursa [interrupting]: And your grand-father.

DOTTY [imitating]: And my grandfather—on the farm, and we were looking up at the stars—

G. URSA: Yes, go on!

DOTTY: I was just thinking about what you said about getting around so fast.

G. Ursa: What were you thinking? Though I don't see what that has to do with visiting your grandparents.

DOTTY: Oh, but it has! For all at once I thought "I'd like to be up with the beautiful stars in the sky." Then just that quick I was.

ORION: You were up here with all the beautiful stars.

G. URSA: And that, my little friend, is as quick as thought.

L. URSA: We have to go quickly. It's this way—I may be visiting with the Great

DOTTY: Ooooooooo! Great Bear! are there bears in God's Garden?

G. Ursa: Oh, yes, there are animals and birds and gems of many beautiful colors!

L. URSA: And as I was saying when you interrupted me, if I am visiting with the Great Bear and I have to go home to the Little Bear I must go as quickly as thought.

Dotty: Will you please take me to see the Great Bear?

L. Ursa: Great Ursa will take you to see the Great Bear for he is the guardian.

G. URSA: And Great Ursa and Great Bear mean the same thing.

Dorry: And what's your name?

L. URSA: My name is Little Ursa and I am the guardian of the Little Bear.

DOTTY: And does your name mean Little Bear?

L. URSA: Yes, it does.

ORION: And what is your name?

DOTTY: Won't you, first, tell me what your name is?

ORION: Certainly. My name is Orion.

DOTTY: And are you the guardian of an animal, too?

ORION: No, indeed! I am the little guardian of the most brilliant man in the sky. He is a giant.

DOTTY: Ooooooooo! I don't think that I want to go with you. I never liked giants.

ORION: Did you ever meet any giants?
Dotty: No-o-o, but we have stories about

DOTTY: No-o-o, but we have stories about giants. —

ORION [scornfully]: Stories! You come with me and we'll go to where Orion is — you see we have the same name, too — then, after you see a real giant, you decide whether he is a bad giant or not.

DOTTY: Well, I'll go with you, for you are nice. Of course, angels are always nice.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

DOTTY [a bit puzzled]: Ugh? Oh, Yes. Well, now, I'll tell you my name so you'll know what to call me. I'm Dorothy May Anna Belle Smitherson, but you can call me Dotty.

L. URSA: Then Dorothy May Anna Belle Smitherson, better known as Dotty, shall we start on our way through the garden?

DOTTY: Ooooooooo! I'd love to walk with

L. Ursa: If you recall we don't walk. If we started to walk, by the time all your little friends who are down on earth—

DOTTY: My best friend is Mary.

L. URSA: By the time Mary was a grandmother as old as your grandmother, we should just be getting a good start.

DOTTY [giggling merrily]: Imagine walking, walking [she claps rhythmically] all the time Mary is growing up into a grandmother.

G. Ursa: No one could do that, could she!
Dotty: Nooooo!

G. Ursa: Then we'll go our way. Where did you say you wanted to go first?

DOTTY: To see the Great Bear.

G. URSA: What were you looking at, at your grandmother's when you decided to come up to see us?

DOTTY [enthusiastically]: Oh, the Big Dipper.

G. Ursa: Then you didn't know that the Big Dipper is part of the Great Bear? But here we are just in the right place to see him best.

DOTTY [breathless]: Ooooooooo! That was fast. And Mary isn't a grandmother yet.

G. Ursa: No, Mary is just the age you left her a short time ago.

DOTTY: Oh, now I see the Great Bear and the handle of the dipper is the tail. Oh, who are you?

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ETA: I'm called by some wise men on your earth the name of Eta.

ZETA: And I'm Zeta next to him.

EPSILON: And I'm Epsilon.
DELTA: And I'm Delta.
GAMMA: And I'm Gamma.

ETA: And those two are known as the Pointers, Beta and Alpha.

ALPHA: We are called Pointers, because we point the way to the Little Bear.

BETA: On earth you call us the Big Dipper. So when you go back to earth look for the two stars that are farthest from the handle and help form the cup of the Big Dipper.

Polaris: Then look over to where I am.

DOTTY: Who is speaking to me?
POLARIS [in a small calling voice]: Way
over here in the sky.

ALPHA: That is Polaris. He's the one Beta—Beta is that star. You know the one farthest from the handle at the bottom of the cup. Well, Beta and I—I'm at the top of the cup and we point to Polaris.

POLARIS: Well, maybe we should say you do for you are nearest to me. Aren't you coming over to see me?

DOTTY: I don't know. I was supposed to go to see the Little Bear, next.

POLARIS: Well, I'm the last bit of glistening fur on the tail of the Little Bear.

DOTTY [in a very polite little voice]: Well, dear angel Great Ursa, I'm very happy to have seen the Great Bear, but now, I think, if you don't mind I'll go over to see the Little Bear.

G. URSA: By no means, Dotty, but be sure to visit the giant, too. After this month, April, he leaves these skies.

Orion: I won't be too far away. I'll be down around on the other side of the globe.

ETA: He is only here—where you can see him from where you live on earth, I mean—from October until April.

DOTTY: Then I'll go with you to see your giant —

ZETA: He's a hunter, too. A hunter giant. GAMMA: He hunts the Hare.

DOTTY: What did you say?

GAMMA: Maybe you would call it rabbit.

DOTTY: I should think great big giants would hunt bears, not little rabbits.

L. Ursa [boastfully]: He couldn't hunt us; we are too far away.

ORION: Yes, that is true. My giant is at the opposite side of the sky. But we never allow any harm to come to the things we guard in God's Garden. The Hare is never hurt although he stays ever so near my giant.

POLARIS: Aren't you coming over to see me? Start directly from Alpha and come right across — That's right. Stop there and you can see me better.

DOTTY: Oooooooooo! How beautiful and bright!

POLARIS [proudly]: Am I not! I'm very important, too. I'm all alone in this part of the sky.

L. URSA: And although he is the brilliant tuft at the tip of the tail of my Little Bear —

Can you make out my Little Bear, Dotty?

Dotty [hesitatingly]: Well-l, I suppose
so. It looks a tiny, weeny bit like a little

L. URSA: Only a "tiny, weeny bit"? Why some people call it the Little Dipper. Only from down where you live some of it can't always be seen. But where was I?

DOTTY: You were telling me something about Pol-Pol —

L. URSA: That's it, Polaris. I was going to tell you that he has another name; many call him the North Star.

DOTTY [clapping her hands]: Oh, I know him by that name. Grandfather pointed him out to me the very first thing.

POLARIS: Didn't I say I am important. Sailors used to guide their ships to safety by having me up here to point the way.

ORION: Don't you think, Dotty, that you had better come over to see the giant, now.

DOTTY: Just as soon as I say good-by to the Little Bear. Thank you very much, dear angel Little Ursa, and thank you, too, North Star—you don't mind if I call you North Star rather than P——

POLARIS: Polaris. Oh, not at all. I've got another name, too. It's Pole Star. With all those names and my place in the sky—

DOTTY: All alone.

POLARIS [quickly]: No! No! Not all alone. Can't you see I'm just part of the Little Bear.

DOTTY: Indeed, but down on earth we can't see all you beautiful stars that make the Little Bear. But I'll never forget how beautiful you are. And I'll tell all my friends about you, and how they can find you in the sky. Goodby.

POLARIS and L. URSA [as though from a great distance]: Goodby, Little Dotty, goo — DOTTY: O000000000!

GIANT [in a deep voice]: Don't be afraid little girl —

ORION [as though making an introduction]: Miss Dorothy May Anna Belle Smith-

erson, known to her friends as Dotty [sotto voce]. You may call her Dotty. Dotty, this very resplendent Hunter is the Giant—the Giant Hunter—to be more exact. And to be even more exact, Orion.

GIANT: But since my name is the same as your own, she shall know me as the Giant. But tell me how did you get here?

ORION: Using the North Star—also known as the Pole Star—also known as Polaris—is that right, Dotty?

DOTTY [with her best manners]: Oh, yes, that's quite correct. But I like the name of North Star best, if you please.

ORION: North Star it shall be! Using the North Star as a pointer we came straight south.

DOTTY [as though reciting a lesson]: As quickly as thought.

GIANT [slowly]: No doubt. When one has billions of miles to go and you would have billions of miles if you were with the Bears—Tell me, how are my friends the Bears?

DOTTY: They are very, very lovely. But they are nothing like you.

ORION: Of course not! All here know what one of your earth men said. "Orion, the Hunter, is the most magnificent constellation in the heavens; his limbs pricked by sparkling gems as he stands facing us in the south, is a glorious sight to see."

DOTTY: That gleaming star on your right shoulder —

GIANT HUNTER: This brilliant rich topaz at my right shoulder is the Betelgeuse Star. It is one of the most famous in the sky.

DOTTY: And the one on your left shoulder?

GIANT: Is known as the Amazon Star. Its pale yellow is beautiful, too.

DOTTY: And the great bluish white star at your left foot, what is that?

GIANT: That, Dotty, is Rigel.

DOTTY: Look! There are purple, yellow, and gray. How wonderful to have jewels like those. They are at your belt and on your sword. You aren't like the giants in my storybook.

ORION: Didn't I tell you that you would change your mind? Didn't I tell you once you saw my giant —

GIANT: Orion you should not be boastful. You know what happens to those who boast.

Orion: But I am not boasting about myself, but you. And you are the most beautiful in the sky. God made you beautiful!

GIANT: There, little guardian, I guess that

GIANT: There, little guardian, I guess that fixes up everything. The heavens show the glory of God. So, my dear little girl, when you go home and look up into the sky, think of that won't you?

DOTTY [humbly]: Imph-m!

GIANT: If people just remember the wonders of the heavens—their vastness and their beauty—they will remember the God who made them. Goodby, Dotty.

DOTTY: Am I going home? Oh, I am! I've been so happy, but now — Goodby!

GIANT [from great distance]: Goodby.



# A Guidance Program for Grades V-VIII

Sister M. Veronica, O.P.

#### MARCH

Dedication: St. Joseph.

Aspiration: St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.

Hymn: O Glorious St. Joseph (The Gregory Hymnal).

Special Intention: For the sick and the dying.

Consideration: Purity.

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- Modesty in dress, in posture, in behavior.
- 2. Idle mind is the devil's workshop.
- 3. Dignity of the human body.

#### **Practice**

First Week: To make good use of all my time and never to be idle even for a minute.

Second Week: To practice at least one act of mortification each meal.



St. Thomas Aquinas Patron of Schools.

Third Week: To practice at least one act of mortification each day in posture.

Fourth Week: To say three Hail Marys each day for the gift of purity. Special Saint for Study: St. Thomas Aquinas, March 7.

#### UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD

young people is a fact that must be admitted. There are many reasons for this decrease, espe-

cially the slackening of Christian standards and the fear of making sacrifices. The lack of voca-

tions is felt not because of fewer people than before answering the call, but chiefly because a greater number than before is needed. Voca-

tions do not just happen. It is almost a miracle of grace if they mature without the active interest of someone. "The Role of Missionaries" last spring created interest among the

young and old in Little Falls, Minn., when a group of 53 children, Our Lady of Lourdes

School, enthusiastically participated in a voca-

tion program. Most of our vocations come

from good example. God will give the voca-

tions if we plant the seeds and at the close of

life we may enjoy the fulfillment of that promise of Christ Himself: "They who shall in-

struct others unto justice shall shine as stars

for all eternity '

It is possible for a child to have every material advantage and still be unhappy because it has other unmet needs which hamper its adjustment. Children need loving companionship, encouragement, and understanding treatment much more than they need new toys or new clothes. In fact, much of the enthusiasm a child manifests upon the receipt of a new toy comes from the recognition which the gift symbolizes rather than from the gift itself, even though the child may not be able to recognize this.

One of the surest ways to retard personality development in the child is to deprive the child of the attention which gives it the feeling of importance. The child or growing youth, more or less dependent upon others, needs to feel that it belongs, that it is an individual in its own right, possessing certain claims and privileges as well as duties and responsibilities.

—Rt. Rev. Magr. Nicholas H. Wegner in

- Rt. Rev. Msgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, in Boys Town Times.

# A Vocation Program

Sister M. Elvan, O.S.B.\*

Do teachers realize the importance of creating in the child a desire to select the proper vocation which in turn will influence his destiny and for which he can begin to prepare himself in body and soul with a gradual development of courage and self-control so essential to success? To have the child develop an appreciation for the religious vocation as being a special gift from God, to have him develop true charity and respect toward missionaries and develop a desire to select a vocation in which he can best serve God and humanity and thereby reach a perfectly happy eternity spell success in every Christian teacher.

There is much concern in America about the inability or unwillingness of many of our boys and girls to choose a vocation. Whenever the subject of vocation is open to discussion, especially if it is not restricted to the religious life, many questions arise. A vocation program can help guide the child into a well-balanced and vocationally satisfied adult who will be a credit to his country and pleasing to God. Too often a parent motivated by pride, greed, stupidity, or confusion stubbornly insists upon his own set opinion about a child's vocation and there-

by misdirects him to become one of life's failures.

The notable decrease of vocations among



A Vocation Exhibit at Our Lady of Lourdes School, Little Falls, Minn.

The school is in charge of the Benedictine Sisters.

\*Our Lady of Lourdes School, Little Falls, Minn.

# Aids for the Primary Teacher

# We Live With Christ Suffering We Praise Christ Glorious

Sister M. Marguerite, C.S.J.\*

March and April of this year cover a great deal of religious living. A few days before March begins we celebrate Ash Wednesday. We must try to give this day meaning for the small child. We can present Ash Wednesday in some such manner: "Ash Wednesday reminds us that some day each of us will meet Jesus. Then we will want to go to live with Him in heaven. And Jesus will surely take us there if we show our love by minding Mama and Daddy and by saving our prayers."

#### Lent in Kindergarten

Now that Lent is here, it is well to retell the story of Christ's Blessing the Little Children, of His coming down to us to teach us to pray, and to show us the way to heaven. It is well to remind the children that Jesus, when He went back to heaven, left His priests to do His work, the work of blessing us and teaching us to pray. I like at this time to teach the children Christ's own prayer. I use only the first part of that prayer which is a prayer of praise. We say it again and again slowly and reverently, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name." Children may not know the meaning of the word praise, but they do love praise. They love to hear about their beautiful new shoes, their shining hair or their helpfulness. They love praise as we do ourselves. They know that God is holy, that He is wonderful, and when they know that our praise of God pleases Him they rejoice in saying over and over Christ's own words to His Father, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name."

During the early days of Lent we should tell the stories of our Lord's public life. I find that the stories which are sufficiently simple in plot and which thrill the child most are The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, The Raising of Jairus' Daughter, Christ Walks on the Water, Christ Stills the Tempest, and The Last Supper. This latter should be kept for Passion Week or for Monday or Tuesday in Holy Week. It should be told with great simplicity. All we wish for the children here, is that they come to understand that Jesus lives in the tabernacle of every Catholic church. I have chosen these stories too, because they set forth the power Jesus had over nature. Miracles which set forth His tender pity for suffering could include His cure of the blind, the deaf, and the dumb.

#### They Love the Saints

Because March is St. Joseph's month, we must retell that part of the Christmas story which reminds us of his place in God's plan. Public libraries will be able to lend us anthologies of Christmas carols, Czech, Polish, Swedish, French, Spanish, German, and English as well as those of other national groups, which tell simply and beautifully of Joseph's devotion to the Child.

The Feast of St. Patrick should be celebrated by telling the story of his work, and his place in God's plan. God left the priest Patrick here to do the special work of helping the Irish people know God and find their way to heaven. Now St. Patrick sings God's praises along with many of the boys and girls, with many of the mothers and fathers who lived in Ireland with him and from him learned to sing "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. Amen." (Chant this with the children on one tone.)

#### God's Love for Us

When we come to the Feast of the Annunciation we can well review the story of the Creation and the Fall of the Angels and their place in God's plan, followed by the story of the Creation of Man who was to take the place of those angels who "would not serve."

In the story of God's creation of man, we should stress God's desire to share happiness with us and His great love for us. We should tell of God's companionship with Adam and Eve in the garden, His goodness to them, and of their refusal to serve. We should tell of the punishment which followed for them and for us who are their children. "Now the

gates of heaven were closed to them and to us. Now God did not look down upon us any longer and call us His dear children. We could not look up to Him and call Him Father.

With this background of understanding the children can see the need of a Redeemer who will reopen heaven and give us back to God our Father. They will gladly hear again the beautiful story of the Annunciation. They will gladly recall some of the lovely carols and songs which we so often used during the Advent season. They will want to repeat often the words of the angel, the words which Mary loved to hear. Now we can tell briefly the meaning of the Crucifix, His coming down to die so that we may live in heaven. Here we can present Father Tabb's "The Cross Is Tall" and say with them such quotations as "There stood by the cross of Jesus, Mary His mother." We should begin to help these little children offer the doing of "hard things" for Jesus who suffered and died for us. We can do our work for Him, our play, our helping each other, and our taking care of ourselves, all to show our love. Taking care of ourselves means co-operating with the teacher, with the group, and with Mother and Father.

#### Make the Stations

It is my practice to take the children to church to make the stations during Lent. The story of each station needs only a sentence or two in the telling. It is not necessary to omit any station nor is it wise to use lurid descrip-



- Erika Eid, Erlanger, Germany

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The Happy End

The last station should really be a joyous one. When Mary and the others put Jesus in His grave they knew that now Jesus would never be hungry, or thirsty, or tired again. No one would ever whip Him, or hurt Him, or nail Him to a cross. Now God would give Him a new heavenly body. Someday we too will have new heavenly bodies. We too shall go to heaven where along with Mary and the angels we shall sing God's praises. That is what Easter is. It is a time to be glad, because Jesus lives in heaven and because we too are made to live in heaven with God.

After Easter children should have many experiences in praising God — not only in prayer, and prayer song, or procession, but in rhythmic activities. They may be sunbeams

dancing in praise of God, bunnies, birds, butterflies, rain or snow fairies praising Him, as nature does praise Him. The Victor Rhythmic. and Listening Records are filled with beautifully recorded selections of classical music which the children will love to hear and to interpret. Little children are not ready for long formal prayer sessions, but they love to dance for God, and in praise of Him. At the Easter time kindergarten children ordinarily have experiences with chicks and rabbits, and they see the church decorated with lovely Easter lilies, and with lighted candles. They will enjoy discovering how creatures give praise to God. They will find in this praise a promise of our life of praise in heaven. If Easter means anything it should mean that heaven belongs to each little child.

# From a Sawhorse to a Bambi

Sister M. Rhoda, F.S.P.A.\*

After my fourth-grade pupils had finished reading *Bambi* they got the idea of creating a Bambi of their own as a class art project. They started with a sawhorse of wood as their foundation, And then the fun really began!

tions of Christ's physical pain. After all Jesus

willed to suffer that pain because He so loved

us. He did suffer and He did not like the

things the people did to Him. Pain hurt Him

just as it hurts us, but He wanted to open

heaven for us. He wanted this so much that

He was glad to do all that He did. This

should be made very clear to little children.

Otherwise the sufferings of Jesus hurt them

terribly. They very much resent the cruelties

used against Him. At the station in which Jesus

comforts the women of Jerusalem we ought

to give His own message "Jesus does not want

us just to weep over His pain, He wants us

to do what we should to win heaven. He wants

our love. Love is shown by our minding, by

our listening to stories about God, and by our

saying our prayers morning and night."

Every youngster was eager to contribute his share in making Bambi's anatomy. Stacks of old newspapers, flexible cardboard, wallpaper paste, cord, wire, scraps of window shade material (for the ears!), paint, shellac, scissors, paint brushes, and black marbles (for the eyes) came pouring in for the body of the new pet now in course of construction.

What steps were to be followed? First of all a major operation was necessary to remove a part of the top which was too high. Next, the tiny artists wound the cardboard around the body of the sawhorse. Then wads of newspaper were added and padded, tied and wired, so that the animal began to take

A small box was added as a beginning of Bambi's skull which was later covered with papier-māché. The tail was formed of wire and also covered with papier-māché; the original tail of board had to be discarded as untrue to the model. But it was the ears which

were a real test of our skill. The children shaped small pieces of window shade material, and covered them likewise with paper. The legs were a big job! Strip after strip of paper was pasted around the spindly sticks of wood until limbs and hoofs assumed a quite natural appearance.

Eager as the children were to finish their project, time was needed between art classes to permit the layers to dry before new layers could be added with safety. This precaution is most important, for too much moisture between layers prohibits the accurate and graceful shaping of the body, and furthermore, there is real danger of mildew spoiling the work.



Putting on the Papier Mâché.

When Bambi had at last acquired the desired proportions, paper towels were pasted over the entire form to give it a smooth skinlike finish. After this last application was dry, a coat of shellac was applied so that the paint would have a reasonable foundation. At the following art period Bambi was painted in natural colors as he is found in the story-books.

But our little friend, for all his good looks, seemed a bit too sleepy for such lively mak-



"Bambi" Is Finished.

ers. Dickie Barker's daddy knew just what to do! He added casters to the wobbly, lanky legs! And now, with the tiniest push, Bambi ran across the room! Mr. Barker was so pleased that he made a movie film, and this afforded the little people immense pleasure after all the hard work it had taken to transform a homely sawhorse into a real Bambi.

Creative genius develops with practice. The Quack! Quack! song was parodied into a ditty which the children sang with glee.

I would be a deer with paper tail and ears. I wouldn't be a deer, would you?
I wouldn't be a duck said one little deer I wouldn't be anything but Bambi.
Tho' I've got paper for my back
With paper and shellac
I'd rather be a Bambi, wouldn't you?

So now, tho' the world is just as it is I hope that you'll think so, too, It's really good luck that a duck is a duck And a deer is a deer, don't you?

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The Beginning of "Bambi."

# Manuscript Writing is a Bridge

Sister Agnese, O.S.B.\*

Ten years ago I began to build this bridge. I shall try to contribute my little bit to other teachers by showing: First, just how manuscript writing has been of benefit to my classes and also to me. Second, I shall offer a few incentives that I have used and which I feel were of untold value to my classes. Third, I shall try to tell how I present the problem to my first grade. Finally, I include the method I used in making the transition from manuscript to cursive writing.

Some teachers ask, "Why teach manuscript writing in the first and second grades?" "Isn't it a waste of time?" I answer most emphatically, "No! It is not a waste of time. It is time saved." Stated briefly, manuscript writing is the greatest help in teaching reading.

How bewildering to the little child to see in his book one kind of print if on his paper he must reproduce an entirely different pattern. The skills involved in learning to write are very important. In writing, the individual probably uses more muscles and nervous tissues than he does in any other activity. Some writers declare that more than five hundred muscles are in action.

#### Writing Readiness

When the little ones come to school in September do they have ability to master reading the first few days or even weeks of school? Oh, No! A reading readiness program is scheduled. The children are not to read until they are ready to read. Why not create a writing readiness? Tust why should these little ones be expected to write as an adult so soon? It is a needless burden for both teacher and pupil to require cursive writing of these little ones when manuscript writing is an adequate means for creating a writing readiness. Children welcome this simplified form of writing. The ease of their transition from manuscript to cursive writing is amazing. It is a source of great satisfaction to the teacher.

When starting these beginners in manuscript writing I bring them up to the front of the room. They sit on little chairs which have been placed in a semicircle. They may be told, "We are not going to write now the way Mother and Dad write. When we get in the second grade and know how to form our letters well, then we'll play we are Mother and Dad." Do they forget that? Not at all. Oh, how thrilled they are, and how they work with their teacher. It is well to start them during the first few days of school, with the simplest and easiest of the letters such as: L, E, F, T, I, M, N. After all isn't that what

they want to do?

#### Getting Started

I take one letter at a time. The writing pad takes the capitals first; so I follow up with a small letter, telling them the large letter is Grandpa and the small letter is Baby. Of course they enjoy this method because of the happy association.

I proceed thus: (1) Write the letter on the board. (2) Tell them some little story about it. (3) Have them trace it in the air. (4) Let each one write it beneath mine.

Who knows what a carpenter does? How many of your daddy's are carpenters? A carpenter is one who builds houses, barns, or makes chairs and tables. Did you ever see your daddy using a thing like this? (Here is where they will all have something to say.) What does Daddy call this tool? (A carpenter's square). When we read and write we give it another name. We are going to call it Grandpa L. Do you think you can remember its name? (They will respond, "I can," "I know I can.")

The blackboards are all lined with black India ink. I have my lines about two inches apart. This lining proves a fine help in the teaching of manuscript writing. After the children have understood the steps in making a letter, I have them write one line of a single letter at the board. It is important to supervise all of this work carefully. If the children have not the proper formation of a given letter I take them up to the front board and repeat the process. I check every line of their work on the board and at their desks. This may sound like a big order, but its observance pays rich dividends. Such grading may be done rather rapidly by walking up and down the aisles and jotting down some little remark such as: Excellent, Fine, Good. Very Nice, or by encircling the best formed

#### Example the Best Teacher

The teacher's own blackboard writing is an important factor in influencing the pupil's writing. It is not enough for the child to see the letter in its completed form to be able to write it for himself. He must be shown again and again. He must be watched and supervised carefully until he himself knows not only the form but how to execute it. The teacher is ever a demonstrator carefully directing the child in the formation of the letters.

At other times at their desks pupils work with their letter boxes. I have them find in their boxes the letter we have been writing. I also pass out a magazine page and have them encircle the same kind of letter to be found on a given page. Parents are both amused

and pleased even though their newspapers and magazines are all marked up. Children love to do this kind of work even around the home. After this practice is finished they return to the board and rewrite the letter to be sure that they have not forgotten the correct formation. They then write the letter on their paper, and are thrilled to carry home a page to show their parents.

#### Teaching Devices

These are further incentives for writing which I have used and the children loved them very much. Mrs. Wolf and the sheep: the ABC's on the way to school; climbing the neck of the giraffe; displaying the best work on the bulletin board; taking part in the National Writing Contest - all these keep up the enthusiasm for neat careful work.

The progressive teacher constantly correlates writing material from many sources with her formal writing class. In connection with our reading, the children write little stories about their pets or toys. They make up little rhymes and riddles, and memorize little poems. They dictate these little stories and I write them on the board. They copy them. The one doing the best work gets to put it in the class booklet. How they do try to do their best! The holidays present a wonderful opportunity for enriching the writing program. There is a little "thank you" note to St. Nick, a letter to Santa, an invitation to the parents for the Christmas program.

#### When to Transfer

How long do we adhere to manuscript writing? The adopted Kittle Method does not start cursive writing until the second semester of the third grade. Personally, from my own experience, I say that is too late. By that time the children are so used to printing and can do it so efficiently they don't care to learn any other form. About Christmas time of the second year they begin asking their brothers and sisters to help them to write. When they are eager and ready for the adventure, then is the time for action. Teachers who began to teach cursive writing in the third grade have said it was extremely difficult for those little tots to make the change. They were so used to printing and could do it so readily that they were not enthusiastic about cursive writing. They wanted to print rather than to learn to write longhand. In my experience, thirdgrade teachers prefer students who have started cursive writing earlier.

I have heard teachers say, "Those who print have rather stiff writing." I do not agree with them. If a child's writing is stiff, it is not due to the fact that he has printed. Most likely it is because he has printed too

#### The Transition

In starting my class on incursive writing, I am very careful to change the position of the paper at an angle. After all, that is the natural way for writing. I remind the children that when we printed we had no beginning or ending strokes, and of the slant of the letters.

<sup>\*</sup>Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kans.

I take the simplest of the letters such as: l, i, t, h, n, m, e, etc., and practice them, one at a time, at the board where they can have free arm movement and plenty of room. After learning a few of the letters we form simple words. Later, we practice these letters and words on paper. The ease with which the children make the transition is most gratifying. It has always been a matter of great satisfaction to me.

The letters that seemed to cause them the most trouble in cursive writing were: k, b, w, u, p. Smooth connections are made only after much practice. In about a week's time, children can write all the letters except k, p, q, w, and u. Due to muscular co-ordination

they have attained in manuscript writing it requires only half the time and energy otherwise necessary to master words and sentences in cursive writing.

However these results are true only when systematic guidance has been given, and the work has been analyzed, checked, and motivated. Desirable results in handwriting do not just happen. They are the outcome of study and careful planning; of guiding the hands of the little ones while walking up and down the aisles.

In their turn interest and skill, no matter what the work to be done are increased rapidly by doing that work. Theories are of no avail unless we actually do the task.

# Stripey, the Skunk

Sister M. Michaella, O.S.F.\*

"Cut, cut, cut! cut, cut!" scolded Mr. Leghorn Rooster shaking his head in anger. Why, he was so angry that the comb on his head looked as hot as a live coal. Mrs. Leghorn and all the other hens were very frightened as he stalked about the big hole. "Cut, cut! cut, cut!" he called again from the corner of the chicken coup. He wanted Mrs. Leghorn and all the hens to see what he saw.

"Come! Mr. Leghorn is upset. Something has happened. Let's go and see," softly said Mrs. Leghorn.

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"Now, just look at this. Do you know what that means?" grumbled Mr. Leghorn.

"Oh, dear me! What terrible renters have come to live with us? Could it be the rabbits? You know the winter is so cold," said Mrs. Leghorn.

"My, my! don't you remember last spring? Terrible animals stole our baby chicks! . . . It is the same kind of hole and so it must be the same thief!" said Mr. Leghorn.

"Oh, dear me! Oh, dear me! What shall we do? I hope Mr. Hill knows!" cackled the hens.

Just at that moment in walked Mr. Hill with a big panful of very good chicken food. "Come, chick, chick! Come, chick, chick!" he called. "Guess my chicks are not hungry tonight." Then Mr. Hill stopped short. "Ah, ha! So the skunks are around again. I'll fix them. I'll be here tonight with my gun. They will not steal my chickens. I hope it will be a big one, Betty needs a fur for her coat." Mr. Hill slammed the door and hurried toward the house.

When the hens heard what Mr. Hill said, they became very quiet. How strange that he didn't know any better. They looked at the corn, but they did not want to eat. They were angry and worried. Then they began, "Oh, if Mr. Hill only knew! . . . We must not let Mr. Hill shoot Stripey, the Skunk. If he does, those thieves will grab us one by one.

. . . Mr. Leghorn, just what can we do?"
"Well, go to roost. You will be safe up
high. Don't worry, Mr. Hill will find out who

steals his chickens."

Slowly the hens flew to roost. They could not sleep for soon Mr. Hill with his big gun stood guard. After a few moments there was a squeaky, scratchy noise on the outside wall. Louder and louder it became. Then all was quiet. Dust was coming up out of the hole. Mr. Hill stooped to aim his gun. Soon a pair of black, beady eyes stared from out of the hole. Then out came a big gray rat, creeping toward the chicken roost. But before the rat got very far, a quick furry paw caught hold of it with a jerk. Then began a tustle and a clawing, but soon the black furry paw was pulling the thief right back through the hole.

Surprised, Mr. Hill dropped his gun and ran out to see what was going on. He grabbed his flashlight from his overall pocket. He looked here and there. He could see nothing. Ah! he heard something! Right near the chicken coop. "Well, well! What a good job you did! You played a joke on the old rat and you fooled me, too," laughed Mr. Hill as he spied Stripey, the Skunk, sitting close to the chicken coop eating his midnight lunch. "So you are a friend of hens! Well, I shall put away my gun as long as you stay around."

When Mr. Hill came back to pick up his gun, he found another surprise. Every hen was off its roost. Some were eagerly eating the yellow corn mash. Others were clapping their wings and cackling as though they were going to a special treat. Then of a sudden, Mr. Leghorn flew up and perched on a high beam. He began singing very loudly,

"Cock-a doodle-doo

The thieves will come no more,

Cock-a doodle-doo

For Stripey guards our floor."

"What a night," chuckled Mr. Hill, as he scratched his head and walked toward the house.

#### PRIVATE SCHOOLS PRESERVE FREEDOM

The National Council of Independent Schools, at its recent meeting in Boston, issued a "Statement of Faith." "Independent schools" were defined by the Council as schools "free from political or financial administration by government, with consequent liberty of purpose and practice. This independence implies freedom to set academic standards and curricula, to try experiments, to enter fields considered controversial, and to give religious training and faith a central place in the entire educational purpose."

The statement said that "there are few independent schools without religion as a guiding purpose," and that in public schools "with all their integrity and devotion, freedom of religion has come to mean freedom from religion." The following significant statements of faith are part of the document:

"We believe in God, and in the universal brotherhood of man. We hold that such belief

should be taught.

"We believe that the inalienable rights of the individual derive from God. We believe, accordingly, that the individual has inescapable duties which flow from these rights, and we hold it an obligation on the school to teach both these rights and these duties.

"We believe that education resting on freedom of inquiry and freedom of faith is a basic guarantee of cultural continuity and of liberty itself. We hold it the duty of our schools to teach how to meet and manage difficult intellectual tasks.

"We believe that all good teaching is rooted and grounded in character carefully cultivated and based on religion and ethics. From such teaching, learning will grow into a lifelong strength on which a person may draw in all the private, economic, political, and spiritual stresses and joys which he will encounter.

"If a parent's liberty to choose the schools his sons and daughters may attend were to be denied, the educational system would become a state-controlled monopoly—a monopoly as complete and far-reaching as has resulted wherever religious freedom has been abolished to strengthen a single state church or where free enterprise has been destroyed to build a state-controlled economy."

For More Practical Aids turn to Page 40A.



- C C Harmon

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# The Fabric of the School



Our Lady of the Lake School and Auditorium-Gymnasium, Seattle, Wash. This south view shows the single-story classroom unit with playground in the foreground. Outer classroom walls from floor to ceiling are of glass block except for the row of clear-glass windows. The only natural lighting for the auditorium is the row of glass block near the roof. The building was designed by Paul Thiry of Seattle.

# Material Well Selected and Honestly Used in Our Lady of the Lake School, Seattle

Clean-cut, efficient, and inexpensive, a small elementary school in Seattle—the new Our Lady of the Lake School—is a good example of modern functional school design. Architectural frills have been avoided, but pleasing appearance and utility have been achieved through practical, functional treatment of simple materials. Space has been utilized to the utmost with no sacrifice of spaciousness; common building materials have been left exposed for economy while their severity has been toned down with the proper use of paint or varnish.

Exterior walls of the classrooms, for example, are entirely of glass — glass block and clear glass sash — to provide the ultimate in good daylighting.

#### The General Plan

Set on a sloping site the L-shaped arrangement provides four classrooms and staff office in one leg; two other classrooms and a large combination gymnasium and auditorium in the other. These, excepting one classroom on an upper level, flank a long corridor which is bisected by another serving main entrance doors.

The school has been planned for expansion. It may be necessary to double the present pupil capacity of 280 (kindergarten through eighth grade) within a few years. Designed by Paul Thiry, nationally known Seattle architect, this school cost \$190,287, or \$12.40 a

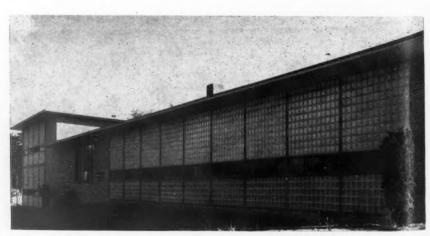
square foot, including all taxes, fees, black-topped play area, but not equipment. The cost per cubic foot was a trifle more than 75 cents. Opened for occupancy in January, 1950, it has attracted considerable interest from architects for its efficient design and use of materials, from school officials for its low cost and good daylighting features.

Because prime requirements of the job were speed and economy, Mr. Thiry reduced

the structural design to one of mill-constructed roof with a minimum of masonry and steel supports. This technique, requiring the least number of skilled workers, is common to heavy industrial construction. The school was completed in a brief six months.

#### Glass-Block Wans

Rigid control of daylight in the classrooms is provided by continuous panels of light-



North (front) View of Our Lady of the Lake School. Main entrance, near the left of the picture is partly hidden by shrubbery. Glass block both above and below the windows makes an attractive wall and provides plenty of light.

directing glass block installed above hoppertype clear glass sash. Prisms within these block direct daylight toward the ceilings, which, painted white, reflect and diffuse light evenly throughout the rooms. Because the daylight is directed above eye level, glare is minimized.

Additional daylight has been introduced into the classrooms by using a diffusing type of glass block below the sill instead of conventional masonry.

Because of a desire to have continuous glass walls uninterrupted by masonry supports, the architect conceived a solution both effective and economical. Most of the roof load is carried by pipe supports installed on the room side of the exterior walls; these supports are invisible from the outside and are inconspicuous within the room because they are painted to match the sash framing. This plan also was more economical than masonry and conventional steel framing.

#### Utility and Beauty

The concrete block partition walls have been left exposed to eliminate plastering, a high cost item. Instead, the blocks have been scrubbed clean of mortar and marks and finished with a single coat of concrete paint. As a result there was little need for expensive wood trim and millwork.

The cost of suspended ceilings has also been avoided. Acoustical tile has been set between the exposed Douglas fir roof beams, the warm texture of the wood being heightened with satin gloss varnish to provide a rich color counterpart to the monastic-like atmosphere of these rooms.

The architect has chalked up another important saving by making tackboards serve as cloak rooms. The boards were suspended on pipe uprights several feet away from rear walls to serve as screens. Hooks for clothing are atached to the wall and to the rear of the tackboard.

The concrete slab on which the building rests has been specially treated to serve directly as a floor. Carefully troweled to a hard dense surface, it has been scored into diamond patterns, color stained, and waxed. The result: an inexpensive and attractive floor surface which is permanent and easy to maintain.

#### Gymnasium-Auditorium

Further adroit handling of materials to effect good design as well as economy is evident in the gymnasium-auditorium. Here simplicity hides excellent planning for multi-purpose use.

The 24-foot-high interior walls of this room (about 45 by 94 feet) are of exposed concrete block, interlaced with courses of small concrete brick bonded to the exterior brick facing and topped by large panels of light-directing glass block.

These walls are punctuated by exposed steel beam uprights which join roof girders, set at a slight pitch and welded at the roof apex instead of bolted to provide smooth seams. The area between the roof girders is set with acoustical tile, painted white to deflect daylight from the glass block down



A Classroom in Our Lady of the Lake School. Prism glass block above the windows direct light toward the ceiling; those below throw light onto the floor. Note the tackboard partition in the rear. Behind it are hooks and racks for clothing. The pipe stanchions against the outer wall take the place of bulky masonry columns.

onto the floor area. The panels of glass block, the only source of natural light, transmit ample daylight for all activities. And because glass block is not easily broken, no wire netting or other conventional safety devices are needed.

The stage at the north end of the room has a 24-foot wide proscenium with sliding birch veneer doors which can be closed quickly when the room is used for sports. Chair storage area under stage is fitted with steel track channels to receive "trains" of castered trucks, three trucks to a "train," 24 chairs to a truck.

This room has been provided with three entrances, one a double-door entry from the school's main entrance vestibule on the south side of the building. This vestibule has two sets of doors, one which may be locked during community events to keep the public out of the rest of the building.

#### Traffic Control

During school hours, these doors lead into the lobby or wide corridor which bisects the school's main traffic corridor. The latter is on two levels, the raised portion serving four classrooms, the staff office, and toilets; the lower serves two rear stage entrances, two other classrooms, and a small music room.

The staff office, situated on the upper level, is provided with large windows which over-look the stairs and lobby corridor — a vantage point from which to direct traffic and maintain corridor discipline.

This lobby, again utilizing the contrasting textures of exposed concrete block, varicolored

common brick, and huge ceiling joists for decorative accent, is well daylighted. Two large panels of glass block—a continuation of the classroom fenestration—supply south light: another source is provided by panels in the open stairwell to the second-floor classroom.

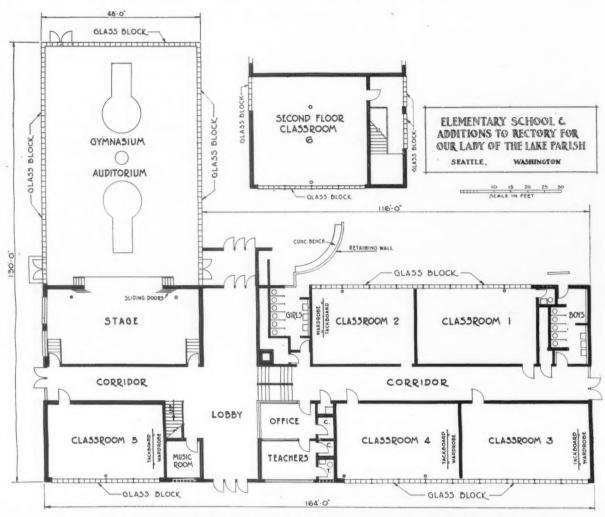
This upper level classroom is nestled against the rear of the stage unit, the ceiling on a line with the top of the stage. In addition to providing extra classroom area, the merger of this room and the stage lend weight and architectural importance to the auditorium unit.

#### Radiant Heating

Radiant heating coils in the floors are fed hot water from a boiler room located below grade under washrooms opposite the staff office. It is entered from outside, the stairs situated near a crescent-shaped retaining wall — which, of course, serves more than one purpose. Although its main duty is to preserve the landscaped grade, this retaining wall has been heightened to act as a screen for an exterior toilet entrance and has been equipped with concrete bench on the lower portion to provide a sun-warmed play spot.

Rev. Hugh F. Gallagher is pastor of the parish and the school is staffed by Dominican Sisters. The present enrollment is about 180.

The average annual cost per pupil for education in large cities in 1949-50 was \$246.71, according to recent statistics of the U. S. Office of Education.



Our Lady of the Lake School is planned for efficiency and economy with due attention to spaciousness and decorative effect. Paul Thiry of Seattle is the architect.



The gymnasium receives sufficient light for games on ordinary days from the row of glass block below the ceiling. The basket-ball backboard in the foreground swings out of the way when the stage is in use.



The lobby is the junction of two corridors. The office is in the center of the picture at the head of the stairs. The higher level corridor serves four classrooms. The stairs on the right lead to a second-story classroom.

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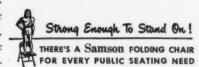
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#### AD MULTOS ANNOS

\* RT. REV. MSGR. HUGH F. BLUNT, pastor of St. John's Church, North Cambridge, Mass., celebrated the golden jubilee of his ordination on January 19. On January 20, he was 75 years old.

January 19. On January 20, he was 75 years old. Msgr. Blunt, well known as a poet, was twice awarded the annual Marian poetry prize.

\*\*BROTHER CHARLES HENRY, F.S.C., auxiliary to the provincial of the New York province of the Christian Brothers and community supervisor of secondary schools for the Brothers, recently celebrated his silver jubilee.

\*\*BROTHER NATHAN, C.F.X., principal of St. Teresa's Boys' School, Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated on January 5 the 25th anniversary of his

Teresa's Boys' School, Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated on January 5 the 25th anniversary of his profession as a Xaverian Brother.

\*\*BROTHER JOHN JOSEPH, C.F.X., principal of St. Xavier High School at Louisville, Ky., and BROTHER JOACHIM, C.F.X., a member of the faculty of the same school, celebrated their silver jubilee on January 6.

#### HONORS AND APPOINTMENTS Mariological Award

Rev. Juniper B. Carol, O.F.M., of Holy Cross Church, Bronx, N. Y., is the first recipient of a new award to be bestowed annually by the Mariological Society upon the American priest who has contributed most during the year to the progress of Mariology—the part of theology dealing with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

#### Christian Culture Award

Dr. John C. H. Wu, professor of law at Seton Hall University, South Orange, N. J., will receive the Christian Culture Award Medal for 1952

from Assumption College, Windsor, Ont., Canada. A former judge in his native China, and a member of the Chinese National Legislature, Dr. Wu was the representative of the Chinese gov-ernment at the Vatican from 1947 to 1949. He was adviser to the Chinese delegation to the UN Conference in San Francisco in 1943. He has translated the New Testament and the Psalms into Chinese

#### American Academy Post

REV. JOHN S. CREAGHAN, S.J., chairman of the classics department at Georgetown University, has been elected chairman of the advisory council of the American Academy in Rome.

#### Prize for Painting

SISTER MARY JAMES ANN, B.V.M., chairman of the art department at Clark College, Dubuque, Iowa, received first place in the water color division of the 11th annual Northeast Iowa Artists' exhibition. The contest was sponsored by the Cedar Falls Art Assocaition.

#### Honor for Sculpture

REV. ANTHONY J. LAUCK, C.S.C., professor of sculpture at the University of Notre Dame, has received honorable mention from the National Academy of Design in New York City for a carving in limestone entitled "Monk at Work."

#### Outstanding in Human Relations

MISS BETTY SCHNEIDER, national director of Friendship House, was named the year's outstanding worker in human relations by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. Miss Schneider is a graduate of St. Benedict's College, St. Joseph, Minn. While studying for a master's degree at Fordham University, she lived at the

New York Friendship House and then joined its staff as a full-time worker. She was appointed director of the Chicago Friendship House in 1949, and national director in 1950. Friendship House, a Catholic interracial movement, was founded about 15 years ago by Baroness de Hueck (now Mrs. Eddie Doherty).

#### To Gallery

DR. THOMAS P. NEILL, associate professor of history at St. Louis University, has been elected to the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors. The Gallery, with headquarters at Webster College, Webster Groves, Mo., has enrolled more than 600 Catholic authors.

#### Alexander Hamilton Medal

Dr. Carlton J. H. Haves, retired professor of history at Columbia University, has been awarded the 1952 Alexander Hamilton Medal. This medal is awarded annually by the alumni association of Columbia College, "for distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of endeavor."

Dr. Hayes, a member of the class of 1904 at

Columbia, was associated with the school as student or teacher for 50 years prior to his retirement two years ago. From 1942 to 1945 he was the U. S. ambassador to Spain. He has written extensively on historical subjects, his latest book being, The United States and Spain: An Interpretation (Sheed & Ward, \$2.75). Dr. Hayes is a convert to the Catholic Faith.

#### New Provincial Superior

REV. WOLFGANG J. FORTIER, M.S., superior of La Salette Seminary, Attleboro, Mass., is the new superior of the Province of the Immaculate Heart Mary, of the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. The province embraces all the French-speaking areas of New England, Canada, and a mission in the Philippines.

#### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

- REV. JOHN B. FURAY, S.J., for the past 10 years spiritual adviser of the Jesuit community at St. Louis University, died, January 14. For 20 years previously he was superior of the Jesuit faculty and dean of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, the diocesan seminary founded by Cardinal Mundelein at Mundelein, Ill.
- RT. REV. MSGR. EDWARD J. BYRNE, professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., for 40 years, died January 6. A former president of the Catholic Biblical Association, Msgr. Byrne was a member of the editorial board which directed the five-year task of practical the Fredich translations of the New York Computation of the Catholic Computat of revising the English translation of the New Testament.
- Brother Andrew J. Koerner, S.M., died, December 12, at St. Louis, Mo., at the age of 82 years. A member of the Society of Mary for 69 years, he was a teacher for many years at Chaminade College, Clayton, Mo.
- BROTHER EDWARD KNUST, S.M., a Brother of Mary for 57 years, was buried, December 28, in the Society of Mary cemetery at the University of Dayton (Ohio).
- REV. BENNO J. HAGGENMILLER, O.F.M.Cap. a nationally known educator, astronomer, and artist, died recently at Pittsburgh, Pa., at the age of 72. He founded the school of astronomy at St. Fidelis College, Herman, Pa., where he taught science and mathematics for 42 years. In 1942, he designed and installed a 10-inch reflector telescope.

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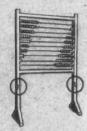
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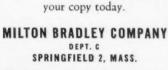
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#### EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Association of American Colleges

Restoration of spiritual and moral values to American life—especially to the classroom—was urged by Bishop James H. Griffiths, chancellor of the Military Ordinariate, and Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, in addressing the Association of American Colleges in Washington, D. C., January 14.

Bishop Griffiths called for "restoration of spiritual and moral values anchored in God and not in some vague ethical appeal as part and parcel of contemporary American life."

Father Cavanaugh said that American colleges "must take a clear, definite, and intelligent stand as to what morality is and upon what precise spiritual values it is based."

#### California N.C.E.A.

The California unit of the N.C.E.A. held its annual high school convention during the Christmas vacations at Riordan High School, San Francisco. The 500 teachers met in workshop groups. Recommendations resulting were: that every student should have his own New Testament for four-year study and that formal mental prayer be taught and encouraged; for the teaching of English, that the "Christian Impact on English," a method outlined in the book by Sister Rosinda, O.S.F., of Milwaukee, be studied and possibly adopted; in Spanish and French there should be

greater stress on speaking the language; in home economics there should be acceleration and expansion of courses in cooking.

#### Catholic Music Educators

The Michigan unit of the National Catholic Music Educators' Association met in Detroit, February 2. Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Wm. J. Murphy, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit and principal of Catholic Central High School. Bishop Thomas L. Noa of the Diocese of Marquette delivered the sermon. The theme of the meeting was, Every Child a Divine Trust. Maynard Klein, professor of choral music and director of the University of Michigan choir, spoke on Sixteenth Century Polyphony: Our Spiritual Heritage. Rev. Thomas J. Quigley, Ph.D., of Pittsburgh, national president, outlined the objectives of the association. Mother M. Celestine, S.S.J., Ph.D., of the St. Francis Home, Detroit, addressed the meeting. A 500-voice chorus of Catholic high school and college students, directed by Harry Seitz, Ph.D., head of the music department of Central Catholic High School, sang for the group.

#### Press Convention

The 19th annual Press Convention, sponsored by the Association of Catholic Schools Press Relations, was held, February 14-15, at Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo., headquarters of the association. There were delegates from nine states. The principal speakers were Rev. Amador Cruz Wisco, editor of the *Philippine Sentinel*, and Dr. Regis Louise Boyle of Trinity College, Washington, D. C.

#### DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES

#### Speech Correction in Dubuque

The archdiocesan bureau of education at Dubuque, Iowa, has engaged a specialist in speech to supervise speech correction for the 6 per cent of the children enrolled in the Catholic elementary schools of the city who need such help.

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The new supervisor is Andrew Bodnar who has a master's degree from the nationally recognized department of speech correction at the University of Iowa. Mr. Bodnar will, according to Rev. A. A. Hallbach, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, give personal attention to pupils afflicted with stuttering and stammering, since these cases are the most difficult speech defects. He will supervise the care of other speech defectives by classroom teachers whom he will help to train for the work.

#### Race Discrimination Disappearing

Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter, of St. Louis, Mo, was praised for his leadership in promoting interracial justice at a recent meeting of the St. Louis chapter of the American Catholic Sociological Society. In 1941 six parishes administered to Negroes while today some 30 have integrated congregations; in 1941 there were six grade schools for Negroes, while now some 30 Catholic schools have both white and Negro pupils; all diocesan high schools and a number of the private high schools admit Negroes. After St. Louis University opened its classes to Negroes in 1945, Fontbonne and Webster Colleges followed a few years later.

#### Joliet School Report

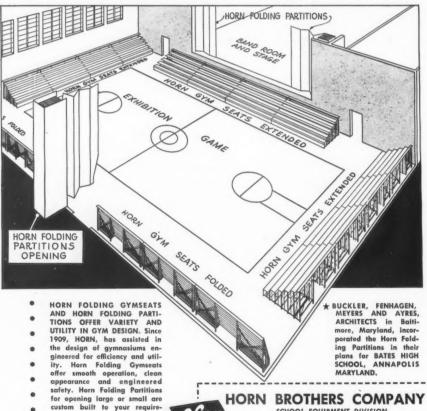
The report for the school year 1950-51 was released recently by Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Wagner, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Joliet (Illinois). In September, 1951, there were almost 17,000 students enrolled, an increase of 1070 over the previous year. Elementary schools gained 876 pupils and high schools 200. College enrollment was stationary.

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Two new schools were opened in September and another is under construction. A meeting of supervisors and principals, on March 17, 1951, discussed book adoptions, and a carefully planned meeting on October 12 was attended by about 98 per cent of all principals and supervisors.

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Students' fund raising activities were centered on the missions. In May, 1951, grammar school children reported \$6,854.12 given to the missions and the institutions for higher learning gave \$5,319.51. The schools also assisted the Junior Red Cross and other charitable organizations.

Catholic school officials co-operated in the work of county health boards. The Catholic Music Educators Association sponsored several musical activities. The schools also co-operated in the Civil Defense Program.

#### Raleigh Schools Advance

According to the recent report of Rev. Edward J. Gilbert, superintendent of schools of the Diocese of Raleigh (N. C.), the diocesan average in four basic studies—arithmetic, English, history, and spelling—increased by more than 10 per cent. Last year the diocese began to use the scholastic tests made up by the department of education of the Catholic University of America. The new course of study in the diocese stresses the social sciences as they are related to living in North Carolina.

#### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

#### Private Donations Advised

The National Association of Manufacturers has alunched a drive urging its 17,000 members to contribute to the support of both private and public education. Msgr. F. N. Pitt, secretary of the Louisville archdiocesan school board, and a member of the N.A.M.'s educational advisory council, says that Catholic institutions should "take any action they can" to benefit from this movement. Catholic schools generally will do well to contact husingsmen in their own communities. to contact businessmen in their own communities for such help. Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, also is a member of the N.A.M.'s educational advisory

#### Combat Discrimination

At St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, the student council has established a second scholarship for a worthy student of the Negro race. The college officials, in announcing this new special scholarship, point out that none of the other scholarships awarded annually at St. Ambrose discriminates against any student because of race, creed, or color.

#### TV Education Courses

Quincy College, operated by the Franciscan Fathers at Quincy, Ill., has inaugurated what is claimed to be the first educational television program in the country dramatizing the content of college courses. The program on Station WGN-TV, Chicago, will dramatize a course in television programming and another in the philosophy of education.

#### **Evening Graduate Classes**

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, is offering graduate classes in the late afternoon and evening, and on Saturday for teachers and other employed graduate students.

#### Theology for Laity

Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., is offering a course in simplified theology. The course emphasizes the life of Christ as the basis of theology and then explains doctrines that grow out of such understanding. More than 150 men and women including teachers, business people, nurses, plant workers, and lawyers are enrolled.

#### Emphasize Theology

Dr. Roy J. Deferrari, secretary general of the Catholic University of America, addressing the

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13th annual convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society, urged Catholic colleges to return their curriculums to center "about a group return their curriculums to center "arout a group of basic and unifying subjects; namely, theology, philosophy, and history, but especially theology." "The so-called elective system," he said, "although followed only in part but with little discrimination, has led to the downfall of many Catholic colleges as Catholic colleges."

#### Current Events Lectures

Current Events Lectures

Rev. Sebastian Miklas, O.F.M.Cap., director of adult education at the Catholic University of America, has prepared a "first-aid" course of lectures to help Catholics answer current questions. Typical titles of the lectures are: The Vatican Ambassador, by Rev. Wilfred Parsons, S.J.; Recent Marriage Pronouncements and Moral Deterioration in Public Affairs, by Rev. Francis J. Connell, C.Ss.R.; My Favorite Author, by Riley Hughes; The Educated Man of 1952, by Rev. Francis P. Cassidy; Unions: Interference or Participation, by Rev. Wm. J. Kelly, O.M.I.; The Spanish Problem, by Rev. James M. Magner. Father Miklas himself will review current books.

#### The Sheil School

The Sheil School of Social Studies, 31 East Congress St., Chicago, Ill., is offering a Saturday morning program of special interest to teachers. morning program of special interest to teachers. The religious upheavals of the sixteenth century and their implications for the modern world is the subject featured at present. Other courses include Art and Liturgy of Lent and Voice and Diction Clinic for Teachers. Rev. Edward V. Cardinal, C.S.V., Ph.D., is director of the Sheil

#### Natural Law Institute

The fifth annual convocation of the Natural Law Institute was held at the law school of the University of Notre Dame on December 20. Among the participants were a Jew, a Hindu, a Moslem, a Confucianist, and a Buddhist. Most Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre, archbishop of Los Angeles, was the honorary chairman of the convection. vocation.

#### Talk for Catholic Education

Students of Mt. St. Scholastica College, Atchison, Kans., while on their Christmas vacation talked on Catholic education to student groups in their home towns.

#### Adult Education

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#### U. of D. Jubilee

The University of Detroit (Jesuit) inaugurated the celebration of its 75th anniversary with a civic program on January 27. The school began with a single building in 1877 and now enrolls more than 8000 students.

#### Manhattan Broadcasts

Manhattan College School of Business, on January 15, began a series of weekly radio broadcasts (Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Station WFAS, White Plains, N. Y.). Topics include: Are You Willing to Cut Your Taxes?; Does Advertising Work for You?; and Can Unions Build Your Business? The school and its only dean, Dr. James L. Fitzgerald, are celebrating their silver jubilee. The school established the first privately endowed department of labor management in the endowed department of labor management in the state of New York.

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#### SCHOOL NEWS

Catholic High School Praised

Bishop Toolen High School, Mobile, Ala., was highly praised in the report of an official inspec-tion by the visiting committee of the Alabama State Department of Education. Special commendation was given to the sepa-

rate rooms provided for classes in modern lan-guages — French and Spanish. Instruction is ex-clusively in the language studied. Maps, charts, pictures, costumes, and souvenirs are used as part of the teaching material. Tape recordings of students' pronunciation are compared to professional recordings.

The visitors said that the teaching in business education was "a superior piece of work" and that teachers in the social studies classes were "alert to implications of world events." They also commented favorably on the methods of teaching mathematics and oral English. The visiting committee consisted of ten repre-

sentatives of public schools and five of Catholic

Bishop Toolen High School, diocesan, is in charge of the Sisters of Loretto. Sister M. Charleen is the principal.

#### COMING CONVENTIONS

For Conventions in March, see the "Catholic School Journal" for February, Page 32A. Apr. 1. National Catholic Education Associa-

tion, Midwest Secondary School Department at Palmer-House, Kansas City, Mo. Chairman: Brother Edwin Coerdt, 5025 Cote Brilliante, St.

Louis 13, Mo.

Apr. 3-5. Alabama Vocational Association at Birmingham. Secretary: Rex Sullivan, Box 1475,

University, Ala.

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Apr. 3-5. Illinois Vocational Association at Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Secretary: H. P. Erwin, Board of Education, Mattson, Ill. Apr. 3-5. New York State Vocational & Practical Arts Association at Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse. Secretary: R. S. Knouse, New York State College for Teachers, Albany, N. Y. Apr. 4. Iowa Guidance Association at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. Secretary: F. E. Wellman, 220 Curtiss Hall, Iowa State College. Apr. 4. Tennessee Vocational Association at Nashville, Tenn. Secretary: W. A. Seeley, 202 Memorial Bldg., Nashville, Tenn. Apr. 9-11. Inland Empire Educational Association at Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Wash. Secretary: Wash. Secretary.

ation at Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Wash. Secretary: Clifton A. Hussey, Court House, Spokane, Wash.

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Apr. 15-16. American Catholic Philosophical
Association at Hotel Statler, Cleveland Ohio.
Chairman: Rev. Charles A. Hart, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

Apr. 15-18. National Catholic Educational Association at Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City,
Mo. Chairman: Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. G. Hochwalt,
1785 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington 5,
D. C.

Apr. 16-19. American Camping Association
Convention at Conrad Hilton Hotel Chicago, Ill.

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Convention at Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Chairman: Joseph H. Clemens, 123 W. Madison St., Chicago 2, Ill.

Apr. 17–19. Florida Education Association at Miami, Fla. Secretary: Ed Henderson, 220 Centennial Bldg., Tallahassee, Fla.

Apr. 24–25. Radio and Television Education Conference at University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Chairman: Martha A. Gable, Board of Education, 21st & Parknay, Philadelphia, Pa.

Apr. 25–26. Idaho Education Association at Boise Senior High School, Boise, Idaho. Secretary: John M. Booth, 614 State St., Boise Idaho.



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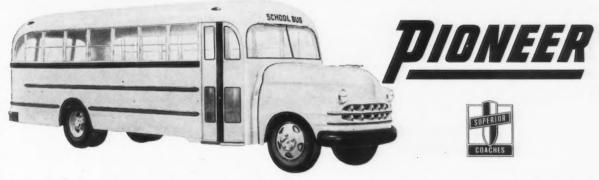


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This important book is the fifth of the series of philosophy textbooks, published by the University of Louvain in Belgium. Anything published by the professors of this university is bound to be thorough; and that is also true of this text.

is an unfortunate fact that scientists and philosophers are, as a rule, versed only in their

own particular field of knowledge. The result is that scientists and philosophers quite frequently use the same terms in their statements and yet mean very different things. This lack of proper communication hampers them in understanding one another.

Professor Renoirte is exceptionally well versed both in science and philosophy. In this book he seeks to build a bridge of common understanding. Step by step, he leads the reader along the path of scientific investigation and method, beginning with the commonplace sensation and perception of things and ending with the refined precision of the mathematical formulation used in scientific research. He explains the exact meaning of scientific terms, laws, and principles, so that the philosopher can understand the language of scientists. He then relates problems of cosmology, especially to the problem of the constitutional nature of natural bodies.

Although some readers will consider the philo-

sophical portion too brief, the book is well done and should find a prominent place in every philosophical and scientific library.—C. N. Bittle, O.F.M.Cap.

#### The Gifted Child

The Gifted Child

Edited by Paul Witty. Cloth, 338 pp., \$4. D. C.

Heath & Co., Boston, Mass.

This is a welcome addition to educational literature, particularly because of the nature of the subject. It is significant both for the practical suggestions made in the book, and more especially by the character of the contributors—Terman, Witty, Strang, Pritchard, and Zorbaugh. The range of the book is extensive including identifying gifted children, history of the research, administration of special institutions, bysearch, administration of special institutions, hy-giene of gifted children, community recognition. and educational provisions. This summary of past research and indication of present problems re-sults in a series of detailed suggestions for more widespread understanding of the nature of the gifted boys and girls, for providing more varied and more stimulating curricula throughout our school system, and for improving the working relationships between parents and teachers. Especially helpful is the fact that the bibliography is carefully annotated and sufficiently comprehensive to indicate in a general way the character of the

This is a field in which Catholic educators ought to be more interested and ought to make more contributions to the work. There is prac-tically no reference to contributions by Catholic educators or by Catholic institutions. This is due undoubtedly not to the neglect of this field but the absence of any significant contributions. -F.

#### Our Bishops Speak

Edited by Rev. Raphael M. Huber. Cloth, 434 pp., \$6. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee, Wis., 1952.

This is a collection of 82 documents of the

American hierarchy containing the official pro-nouncements and statements on a wide number of social and moral problems. It is certainly

of social and moral problems. It is certainly very useful to have an official compilation of these documents. They are classified under four headings with the appendix on relevant matters of N.C.W.C. departments.

The first section contains the thirteen annual statements of the Bishops beginning with the Pastoral Letter of 1919 and ending with the one in 1950. The other three sections contain resolutions and letters of the hierarchy sent to individuals: resolutions and statements of the resolutions and letters of the hierarchy sent to individuals; resolutions and statements of the hierarchy of the United States on the episcopal committee on various topics; statements of the administrative boards of the N.C.W.C. Among the educational topics discussed as a basis of demonstrating Catholic principles of education are citizenship secularism false principles fed are: citizenship, secularism, false principles, federal aid, the education of women, the importance of higher education, education not a state monopoly, the state rights, the right to educate, the role of the state, and true principles of educa-

### Occupational Choice: An Approach to a General Theory

By Eli Ginzberg, Sol W. Ginsberg, M.D., Sidney Axelrad, & John L. Herma. Cloth, 280 pp., \$3.75. Columbia University Press, New York, N. Y.

This pioneering book is important, for, as the authors point out, "there is a great waste of individual and social resources in the way in which individuals currently reach decisions about their occupations."

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and the scheme of values in occupational choice determination." They found that a study of these factors did not provide the elements necessary to build the theory.

The last listed investigation was a particularly interesting one. They decided to study individuals who plan to enter the ministry, because these individuals "make choices at variance with the typical pattern of decision making in our society, in which the individual seeks to maximize his economic opportunities."

The authors point out that, "almost without exception, the future minister was exposed from earliest childhood to religious experiences and institutions, and these were reinforced in puberty and early adolescence. As a first approximation, we can say that without the opportunity to live in—and respond to—a strongly religious environment, at home and at school, few would think seriously of the ministry as a lifework. Among Catholics, the specifically religious values appear to be more important in the decision-making process than the humanist values more commonly found among Protestants and Jews. And great importance must be ascribed to the emotional support and educational guidance that the young Catholic boy usually receives from a sympathetic and helpful priest."

The first part of the book deals with the decision of the study. Next the authors state the basic process of decision-making. In this discus-sion they say that the process can be divided into three distinct periods. They are "the period during which the individual makes what can be described as a fantasy choice; the period during which he is making a tentative choice; and the

period in which he makes a realistic choice,"

Next, the authors consider particularly signifi-cant groups with special problems in occupational

choice—the lower income group and women.

Part IV of the book gives three excellent chapters discussing a general theory of occupational choice. The authors explain, "the basic elements in our theory of occupational choice; they are three: it is a process; the process is largely irreversible; compromise is an essential aspect of experience of the control of the cont every choice.

The last chapter of the book contains a statement dealing with the conservation of human resources. In addition to a bibliography and a rather complete index, the book includes a fivepage appendix dealing with the relation of the general theory to prior studies.

With the emphasis being given to counseling and guiding, and its subfield vocational and occupational information, this book makes a pioneer and a valuable contribution to the literature.
Since teachers and counselors are called upon Since teachers and counselors are called upon constantly by students for help in this field, it would appear desirable for these groups to be familiar with this unusual book in the field of occupational choice. — Richard S. Fitzpatrick.

#### Saint Augustine's De Civitate Dei

By Rev. William G. Most, Ph.D. Cloth, 225 Catholic Universitly Press, Washington 17,

This is a collection of selections from signifi-cant chapters of the *De Civitate Dei*, chosen for their thought and vigorous language. As the editor says in his introduction, the idea that all later There is in the vast body of Christian writing much that is, in language and literary value, on a par with the best of the classical writers. Father Most offers material of distinct significance and sublime thought, all expressed in language equal in style to that of Cicero and Sallust.

The book is provided with complete notes and a glossary of words not found in typical brief Latin-English dictionaries.

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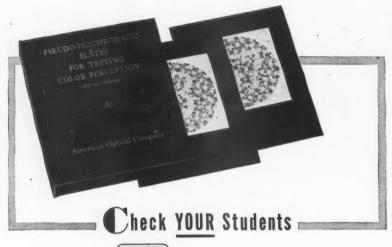
ports from large cities show that several thou-sand young people are addicted to narcotic drugs or are becoming addicts. This booklet gives the facts about narcotics, discusses the kind of people who take drugs, and the mental and physical effects of drugs.

#### Come North

By Sister Julia Gilmore, S.C.L. Boards, 310 pp., \$3.50. McMullen Books, New York, N. Y. This is the life of Mother Xavier Ross, heroic foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Leaven-

worth, Kans.
Ann Ross, born in 1813 in Cincinnati as the child of a Methodist minister, embraced the Catholic faith against the strong opposition of her family. At the age of 19 she left home to join the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. An excellent teacher and a vigorous leader, she helped establish a successful school in Nashville. In 1888 she headed a hand of night yung and noticing the true and participate when headed a band of eight nuns and postulants who founded a school for young ladies in Leavenworth, Kans. When she died in 1895, Mother Xavier had the satisfaction of knowing that the callege the carbon the satisfaction of knowing that the Xavier had the satisfaction of knowing final the college, the schools, the orphanages, and that the charitable works of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth extended over five states west of the Mississippi River—an important part of the Church's social and educational work. The book strongly emphasizes Mother Xavier's work as a religious as a spiritual guide and leader, as a religious, as a spiritual guide and leader, as a woman deeply concerned for the welfare of her charges, for whom she had a strong feeling of charity. It provides many fundamental facts for a history of Catholic charity in America.

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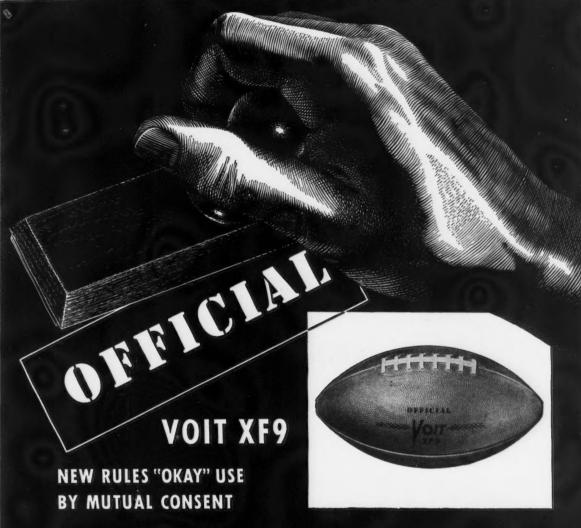
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#### Horse on a Houseboat

By Laura Bannon. Cloth, 95 pp., \$2.50. Albert Whitman & Co., Chicago 6, Ill. Children will greatly enjoy this slightly fan-

tastic story of an ex-circus horse which came into a family that lived on a Pacific Coast house-boat. The story for 10- to 12-year-old children is told with humor.

#### Retail Merchandizing

By R. G. Walters, John W. Wingate, & J. D. Weiner. Cloth, 566 pp. South-Western Publishing Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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#### Patterns in the Sky

By W. Maxwell Reed. Cloth, 125 pp., \$2.50. William Morrow & Co., Inc., New York, N. Y. Children and their elders will find in this well-

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Compiled by Robert E. Summers. Cloth, 208 pp., \$1.75. H. W. Wilson Co., New York 52, N.Y.

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By Lois Donaldson. Cloth, 64 pp., \$1.50. Albert

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By M. H. Arbuthnot. Cloth, \$2.20. Scott, Foresman & Co., Chicago, Ill.

This anthology is intended for teachers and is particularly adapted to help teachers find poems to read in connection with literary classes in the upper grades and the junior high school. Much of the material is recent and humor is strongly emphasized.

#### Mass for the Dead

By G. Prado and Carlo Rossini. Paper, 20 pp., \$1. J. Fischer & Bro., New York, N. Y.
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#### Servite Domino

By Rev. Carlo Rossini. Paper, 41 pp., \$2. J. Fischer & Bro., New York, N. Y.
This book contains 16 motets and hymns for religious reception, investiture, and also for the ordination or jubilee of priests. The music is written for two equal voices, with organ.

#### Processionals and Recessionals for the Year

By A. Edmonds Tozer. Paper, 30 pp., 40 cents. J. Fischer & Bro., New York, N. Y.

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#### Forty Steps to Easter

By Very Rev. Msgr. Aloysius F. Coogan. Cloth, 141 pp., \$2.50. The Bruce Publishing Co., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

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By Paul R. Mort and Walter C. Reusser. Cloth, 661 pp., \$6. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.

The second edition of a work first issued in 1941 and revised further to include recent changes in state laws and local financial setups. The viewpoint is strongly idealistic and there is heavy emphasis on independence of educational organizations and security of school income.

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#### Practical Aids for the Teacher

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#### Writing Readable Editorials

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Do students read the editorials in your school paper?

If not, evidently there is something wrong with the editorials. The staff will wish to do some deep thinking on this subject if the

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paper is to hold an influential position in the

First of all, what is an editorial? It is not a news article, although nine times out of ten it will be "pegged" on some news event, recent or past. Neither is it merely an interpretative report, although some interpretation will be given in most editorials. It isn't a feature or human-interest story, even though occasionally an editorial may entertain, and it always must be of interest to the

An editorial is a piece of practical advice

in writing. After careful study and discussion the editors of the paper are convinced that such and such a school policy or student activity is good or evil for the students, By means of the editorial form they will try to persuade the readers to do the good or to avoid the evil. They do not attempt to make a full decision for students. They act rather as good-willed counselors who are in the position to know the situation better and who wish to promote the good of the student body.

#### Topics Are Numerous

One of the great bugaboos of a high school editor is the apparent lack of suitable topics for editorials. "What should we tell them now?" he asks in bewilderment after the third or fourth issue goes off the press. He should ask, "What problems are bothering the students now? Are they doing anything that isn't good for them? Or are they neglecting something that would be of benefit?" Answering these questions, the editor will find himself with more topics than he can use for

Generally the topics will fall under one of the following three heads: (1) school policies and activities, (2) personal development of the student, (3) local, national, and international events as affecting the students.

Topics from the first group should be given most consideration by the editors because scholastic achievements and policies are most closely connected with the aims of the paper which is a representative of the school.

A number of editorials suggest themselves under this heading: true scholarship, interest in class discussions, care and punctuality in performing assignments, efforts to make the honor roll, attendance, attitude toward teachers, respect for authority, use of the study period taking advantage of library facilities, cramming for exams, cheating, care of school property, planning one's curriculum toward a college education, observance of school rules such as silence in the hallways, use of laboratory equipment, studying beyond the necessary minimum.

Also in the same group but of secondary importance are editorials dealing with extracurricular activities, such as: co-operation in club activities, good sportsmanship during a game, sportsmanship after a defeat, campaigning for club or class officers, cheering at games, conduct in the school cafeteria or recreation room, conscientious performance of safety boy duties, co-operation in school drives, attendance at club meetings.

Editorials under the heading of "personal development" deal with the physical, social, moral, and spiritual progress of the student as an individual. The paper can discuss such problems as: the hazard of bicycle riding on the playground, cleanliness and grooming, little courtesy habits, proper dress for school, gossip, excessive borrowing of school articles, smoking, drinking, staying out late, conduct at neighborhood motion pictures or at school performances, conduct at social activities, decency in gowns, attitude toward students of a different race, daily Communion, fre-(Continued on page 42A)

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quent visits to the school chapel or nearby church, reciting the Rosary of reparation, choosing a state of life, support of the missions, use of a missal at Mass, attending special services, devotion to Mary.

The third group includes editorials on current events and problems outside the school in so far as they affect the students in their actions or in their thoughts. A few suggestions might be: public transportation for students of Catholic schools, barring of Negroes from a local swimming pool, obeying traffic ordinances, March of Dimes campaign, is mercy killing lawful, should the United

States have a representative at the Vatican, the importance of the prayer room in the new United Nations building.

To the above three groups we may add special editorials interpreting Church feast days or legal holidays, as: Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Memorial Day; or birthdays of great men, as Washington or Lincoln, or of saints, as St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Francis of Assisi; or special week observances, as book week, library week, brotherhood week.

#### Spice of Variety

Once the topics are chosen, the next big question is "How should editorials be written?" The general structure of an editorial is the same as that of any good composition or class theme. It works within the common framework of an introduction, a body, and a conclusion. Variations occur with varying topics selected, with varying results expected, and with varying types of approaches used. For practical purposes we can arbitrarily classify these variations into five general types: persuasive, interpretative, commendatory, entertaining, and editorial shorts. These types can cross and combine in one editorial, but generally one approach is dominant.

If the school paper intends to move the students to do some good action or avoid an evil one, a persuasive editorial will be most appropriate. For this purpose, the introduction consists in the presentation of a definite stand on the problem. The body of the editorial gives arguments and evidence to support the stand. The article ends with a strong emotional appeal urging readers to follow the advice given.

An interpretative approach is used when a problem or event affecting students needs a deeper understanding or appreciation. Editorials on feasts, national holidays, great men, some current events will be of this type. The purpose here is to throw light on the meaning or implications of these events. It goes further than an interpretative news report which merely presents the background information. The interpretative editorial draws from this information some implications affecting the students' lives. A common procedure in this type is to present the event in the opening paragraph, build up its meaning in the body, and lead to a conclusion in the final sentences.

Commendatory editorials are those recognizing some outstanding achievement accomplished by students, faculty members, visiting lecturers, or maintenance personnel. Appreciation for some donations or contributions or entertainment may be expressed in such an editorial.

#### Older Than the Hills

Occasionally humor may be injected into the editorial column by an entertaining approach or feature subject. The weather or campus incidents can provide both merriment and common sense counsel. The fifth type, the editorial shorts or liners, are brief one- or twosentence observations on current events, school life, or students' worries.

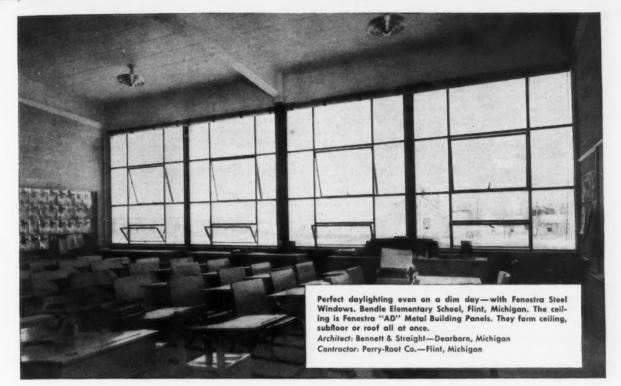
With this variety of editorial treatment, no school paper need tolerate a dull editorial page. One issue, for instance, can contain a persuasive editorial, an interpretative editorial, and a choice of the last three kinds. We must must remember, however, that the proper function of an editorial is to move readers. The persuasive editorial, then, is the most important and most representative type and should always be given priority over the others.

#### Why, Why, Why?

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sound, clear, forceful reasons to back his advice. Emotional appeal should act only as an aid to evoke quicker response. Good reasoning, however, does not mean a heavy and preachy style. In fact, the most effective editorials are those that are brisk, racy, and down-to-earth. Concrete examples rather than general terms should be used. Good, healthy, and crisp American English is much more effective than the flowery, literary style of Victorian England. This does not mean that slang or colloquialisms or ungrammatical forms are to be permitted except where they naturally occur as part of the narration.

The length of the entire editorial will depend on the topic and its importance to the readers. Generally the high school paper editorial should not exceed 250 words.

#### Can You Teach?

The final touch to a good editorial is an attention-getting title. Editorial headlines need not be full sentences like the news headlines. Yet they should also avoid being mere labels. An editorial stands little chance of being read if titled, say, "On Studying," "A Good Baseball Game," "Rosary of Reparation," "The First Christmas." What a different response is evoked by such heads as these: "Wanted—a Student," "It May Mean You,"

"Are You a Five-Per Center?" "And They Call This Mercy . . " The idea is to strike an interesting and provocative head without swinging over to the sensational and irrelevant.

A final practical question for the staff is, "Who should write the editorials?" One intelligent and successful way of solving this problem is by means of an editorial board. This board consists of an editorial director, generally the editor-in-chief on small staffs, plus two or three other editorial writers. Each month these members meet to decide on the editorials for the next issue of the paper. The guiding question in the selection of topics should be as indicated before, "With what problems or events are the students confronted at present—problems which we can help to solve or events which we can interpret?"

#### Significant Co-operation

After choosing two or three topics, the director assigns one to each writer. The board discusses one topic after the other, deciding on what stand should be taken, where authentic information can be gathered, what approach should be used, what result should be expected. The student assigned to the particular editorial takes notes on his topic to guide him in his research and writing of the editorial.

About a week later, the editorial writers meet again to read their articles before the entire board. The members then comment, criticize, evaluate the editorial, and suggest changes or approve it as written. A day or two more are allowed for making the suggested improvements.

It may be well for the adviser to be present at the first few meetings until the members of the editorial board are certain of the procedure and are well acquainted with the policies of the school. Occasionally some other students or faculty members may be invited to provide information on topics with which the editorial writers are not too familiar.

The use of a definite procedure combined with a wise selection of editorial topics, clear reasoning, a brisk style, and a capturing head should result in greater reader interest. Greater reader interest will mean greater possibility for influence. And to be a power for good is the privilege and duty of every school paper.



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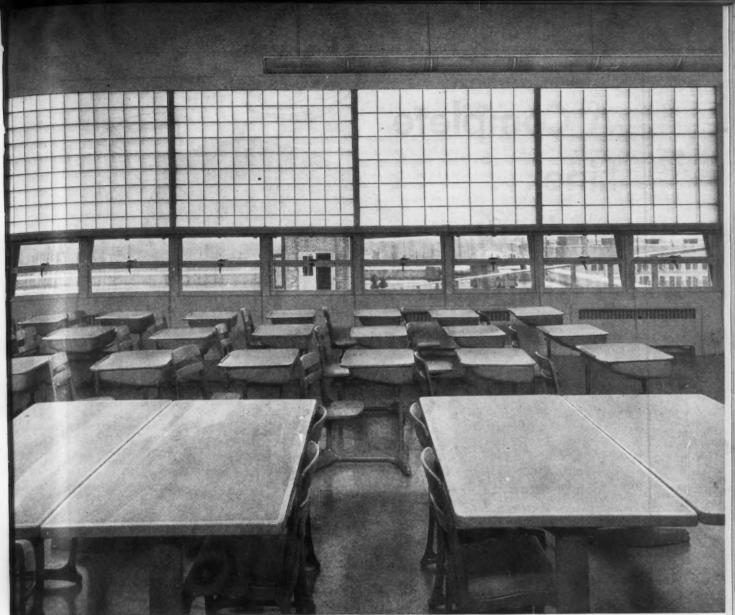
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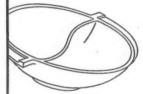


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2. What saint was visited by the Child Jesus during his prayers? St. Anthony, June 13.

3. What saint brought her assailant back to life by her intercession? St. Agnes, Jan. 21.

4. What saint blessed his bowl of food, and discovered before tasting it that it was poisoned? St. Benedict, Mar. 21.

5. What saint had her body infected with worms, and gave one to a Bishop only under condition that he return it? St. Bona, Apr. 24.

 6. What saint was the first to meet the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes? St. Bernadette, Apr. 16.

7. What saint was executed by her own father because she became a pronounced Christian? St. Barbara, Dec. 4.

8. What saint won her husband to the faith because her prayers were answered that he win a battle? St. Clotildis, June 3.

9. What saint placed the Blessed Sacrament over the convent gate and defended her community against intruders? St. Clare, Aug. 12.

10. What saint and Sister worked in New York and Colorado, begging for alms for orphans? St. Mother Cabrini, Dec. 22.

11. What giant saint is called the patron of travelers? St. Christopher, July 25.

12. What saint established devotions to the Rosary? St. Dominic, Aug. 4.

13. What masculine saint was a sweet singer, and composed the Books of Psalms? St. David, Dec. 29.

14. What saint converted the pagans who were sent to her to persuade her to renounce her faith? St. Dorothy, Feb. 6.

15. What saint ruled as a king with affection and justice? St. Edward, Oct. 13.

16. What saint had her apronful of bread converted into roses? St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Nov. 19.

17. What saint was converted by her own slaves? St. Eugenia, Dec. 25.

18. To what saint is attributed the right of consecrating oils on Holy Thursday? St. Fabian, Jan. 20.

What saint built the first crib? St. Francis Assisi, Oct. 4.

20. What saint is known as the Apostle of the Indians? St. Francis Xavier, Dec. 3.

21. What saint feared the curse of a woman more than an army of Moors? St. Ferdinand, May 30.

22. What saint boldly rode his horse and boldly tore down the imperial edict of persecution? St. George, Apr. 23.

23. What saint converted his own home into a monastery? St. Gregory the Great, Mar. 12.

24. What saint found the true Cross and built a church there? St. Helena, Aug. 18.

25. What saint entered a convent and lived

in obedience to her own daughter? St. Hedwig, Oct. 17.

26. What saint is known as patron of farmers? St. Isidore, Mar. 22.

27. What tiny saint is called the patron of First Communicants? St. Imelda, Sept. 16.

28. What saint died as a martyr and each year the liquidation of his blood occurs when the vial of his blood is brought near to the martyr's head? St. Januarius, Sept. 19.

29. What saint mastered 12 languages for his work in the confessional? Later on he was killed because he would not reveal the secrets of the confessional? St. John Nepomucene, May 16.

30. What saint had her hair torn from her

head and was hanged on a cross until she expired because she refused to give homage to false gods? St. Julia, May 23.

31. What Indian maid was called the Lily of the Mohawks and was the first of her tribe to vow virginity? Kateri Tekakwitha.

32. What saint was visited by St. Agnes who assured her of her own mother's cure? St. Lucy, Dec. 13.

33. What saint and Capuchin led the soldiers to victory over the Turks? St. Lorenzo, July 6.

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35. What saint received Jesus into her home (Continued on page 48A)



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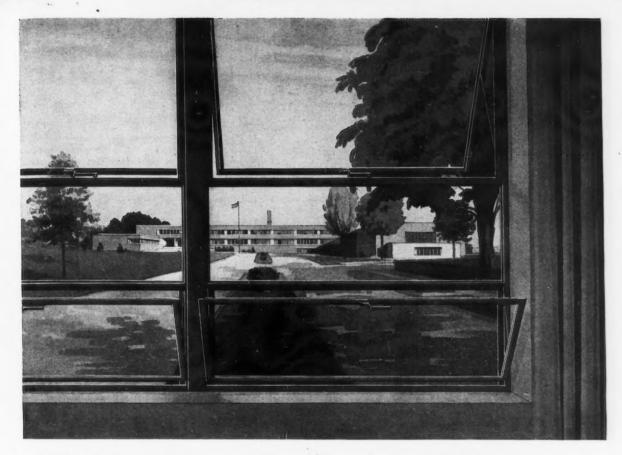
#### A OUIZ ON THE SAINTS

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and prepared a meal for Him and her sister? St. Martha, July 27.

- 36. What saint led a life of penance for her sins, and wiped the feet of Jesus with her hair? St. M. Magdalen, July 22.
- 37. What saint was dubious about the Messias and said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" St. Nathaniel, Aug. 24.
- 38. What saint founded an order of priests and revived devotion to the Blessed Sacrament? St. Norbert, June 6.
- 39. From what saint did the idea of a Santa Claus develop? St. Nicholas, Dec. 6.
- 40. What saint baptized more than 50,000 pagans while he himself was being hunted down and persecuted? St. Oliver, July 11.
- 41. What saint received her sight right after a bishop baptized her? St. Odilia, Dec. 13.
- 42. What saint was called the Apostle of the Negroes? St. Peter Claver, Sept. 9.
- 43. What saint was called the Apostle of Ireland although he himself was not Irish? St. Patrick, Mar. 17.
- 44. What saint, a mere youth, volunteered to carry the Blessed Sacrament to safety during a persecution? St. Pancratius, May 12.
- 45. What saint, an Egyptian lady, was tied to the tail of a horse and dragged through the streets because she would not deny Christ? St. Ouinta. Feb. 8.
- 46. What saint entered a convent after her husband and two children died? St. Rita, May
- 47. What American saint wore a crown of thorns? St. Rose of Lima, Aug. 30.
- 48. What saint did penance for twenty years on the summit of a pillar, three feet in diameter and sixty feet high? St. Simeon Stylites, Jan. 3.
- 49. What saint's body was made a target for the Roman archers? St. Sebastian, Jan. 20.
- 50. What saint composed the hymns used for our Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament? St. Thomas Aquinas, Mar. 7.
- 51. What saint was a Carmelite Sister who let fall a shower of roses after her death? St. Theresa, Oct. 3.
- 52. What saint told his executioners to spare his beard just before he was executed for correcting King Henry VIII? St. Thomas More, July 9.
- 53. What saint was placed in a ship with 80 priests and then burned to death? St. Urban, Sept. 5.
- 54. What saint is regarded as the patroness and model of teachers? St. Ursula, Oct. 21.
- 55. What saint settled the dispute about the date for Easter? St. Victor, July 28.
- 56. What masculine saint gave all that he had to the poor and the orphans? St. Vincent de Paul, July 19.
- 57. What saint used her scarf to wipe Christ's face, and the impression of His face was left upon it? St. Veronica, July 9.

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58. What saint has oil flowing from her shrine at certain intervals? St. Walburga, May

59. What saint was the father of St. John the Baptist? St. Zachary, Nov. 5.

60. What saint was a household drudge but was served by the angels who cared for her bread in the oven while she attended holy Mass? St. Zita, Apr. 27.

#### St. Teresa of Lisieux

Sister M. Concepta, R.S.M.\*

#### II. HER EARTHLY KING

One day while Theresa was swinging in the garden her father passed by. He called her and asked for a kiss. Contrary to her usual custom, she kept on swinging saying that he must come for it himself.

[Marie swings Theresa.]

FATHER: Come, little Queen, and give me a kiss.

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THERESA: You must come for it yourself,

MARIE: You naughty little girl. How could you answer Papa so rudely?

THERESA [leaves swing]: Papa, Papa, please wait. I'm sorry, honest I am.

FATHER: There little one [kisses her], all forgiven.

THERESA: Thank you, Papa.

FATHER: Now what would you like today, Fairy Oueen?

THERESA: A penny, Papa, please.

FATHER: And if I give you a penny, what will you do with it?

THERESA: I'll put it in the poor box for little children who have no papas and mammas.

FATHER: Well, here you are. [Holds coin high and drops it into her hands.]

THERESA: Oh, Papa, Papa, thank you. [Kisses him again] Marie, Marie, look what Papa gave me.

MARIE: What did he give you, little one? THERESA: He gave me a penny for the poor

box. Isn't he the best papa in the world.

Marie: Yes, Theresa, he is. I hope you thanked him.

THERESA: Yes, Marie, I did.

MARIE: Would you like to swing again, Golden Hair?

THERESA: No, Marie, I'm going to look for Mamma and ask her if I may go to church. I want to put my coin into the poor box before I lose it. Do you want to come with me? Marie: Yes, Theresa, I do, but you must ask Mother first. I'll wait here until you return.

THERESA [returns]: Marie, Mother said you may go with me, but we must not be late for supper. [Marie and Theresa clasp hands and skip off stage.]

#### III. FIRST KNOWN SORROW

Theresa's mother becomes very ill. She receives the last sacraments. Before long her soul is claimed by God. Before she dies she tells her daughters that she wishes Pauline to act as their little mother.

MARIE: Papa, shall I put this cover on the table?

FATHER: Yes, Marie.

PAULINE: Leonie, look in the lower drawer and see if the new blessed candles are there.

LEONIE: Yes, Pauline, they are. Shall I give them to Papa?

PAULINE: If you please, Leonie, then bring some cotton, a glass of water, and a spoon.

LEONIE: Papa, may I put the candles in the holders beside the crucifix?

FATHER: If you wish, my child. Then run to the kitchen for a lemon, some salt, and a small case of matches.

LEONIE: Yes, Father.

THERESA: And what am I to do, Papa? FATHER: Go over to your mother and give her a kiss and tell her that we all love her.

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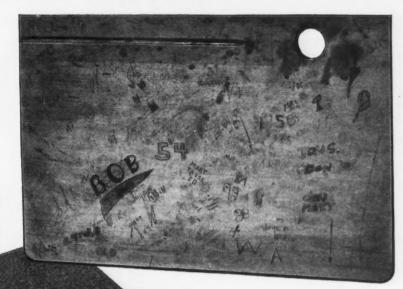
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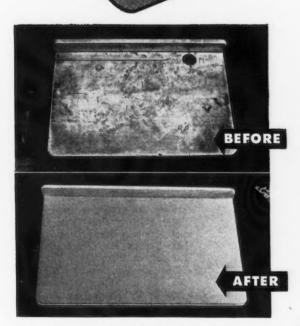
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#### ST. TERESA OF LISIEUX

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THERESA: Mamma, Mamma, must God really take you from us?

MOTHER: My little one, it will only be for a time. You know that you have little brothers and sisters in heaven too. Do not think of my leaving you but look toward the sky above where I will be waiting for you.

THERESA: Will it be long, Mamma?

MOTHER: Hard to tell, Baby, what God has in His mind. Hush, I hear the tinkle of a bell. Come, my daughters and kneel with Theresa and pray with the priest that my journey will be a happy one. [Takes Pauline's hand in her

own, then kisses it and looks from one to the other.] This my darlings is a sign that I wish Pauline to take my place when I leave you. In the future you are to look upon her as your little mother.

[Father enters with the priest bearing the Sacred Host. Answers the prayers between sobs.]

[Priest anoints their mother. Mother receives Holy Viaticum. Then the priest consoles a soon to be bereaved husband and his motherless little daughters.]

#### VIII. BEFORE HIS LORDSHIP

Theresa finds that those in authority are against her entering at the tender age of 15.

So she is advised to arrange an interview with the Bishob.

PRIEST: Remember Theresa, those diamonds [tears] must not be seen by His Lordship when he enters.

BISHOP [enters]: Good afternoon, Mr. Martin. Good afternoon, Theresa. [Both kneel and kiss his ring.] So you're the little girl who wishes to enter Carmel? Be seated Mr. Martin. Be seated, my child. How long have you been thinking about this, Miss Martin?

THERESA: A very long time, my Lord.

BISHOP: Come now, it certainly cannot be more than 15 years.

THERESA: That's true, Your Lordship, but there are not many years to substract.

BISHOP: What about your father? Don't you think you should stay with him longer?

Mr. Martin: Your Lordship, Theresa has no need to worry about me. Her happiness is my chief concern.

BISHOP: Strange, Mr. Martin, we find very few fathers who speak as you do.

MR. MARTIN: Perhaps we would have more if they looked toward the Great Beyond. Did I tell you that I am going to take Theresa with me when I visit Rome?

BISHOP: I don't believe you did, Mr.

Mr. Martin: And as you know we have been promised to be received at the Vatican.

BISHOP: Very excellent, indeed. It will give this young one time to think things over.

Mr. Martin: But, my Lord, you do not know my daughter as I do. You see if she does not obtain encouragement from those at home she will speak to the Holy Father, Himself

BISHOP: Quite determined, isn't she? Well all I can do is to promise you to take the matter up with those at Carmel. Theresa must be patient. You see she is so young.

Mr. Martin: I grant Theresa is young, Your Lordship but, when one understands her she seems endowed with a marvelous intuition for things pertaining to the spiritual world.

BISHOP: You may be right, Mr. Martin. Time alone will tell. Before long you shall hear from me. Would you and your little daughter like to view my rose gardens?

MR. MARTIN: Yes, Your Lordship, we would. My little Queen is very fond of flowers. Come Theresa, His Lordship has invited us. We must not delay.

THERESA: Yes, Papa, your little Queen is with you. [To herself] Oh, how happy I would be if it were only the "Garden of Carmel" instead of a garden of roses.

#### IX. AT THE VATICAN

Theresa seeks permission from Our Holy Father to enter Carmel at the age of 15. The Vicar-General forbids anyone to address the Holy Father. Theresa did not know what to do when she heard his command. But, as she approached His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII, Celine orders her to speak.

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#### ST. TERESA OF LISIEUX

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CELINE: Speak, Theresa.

THERESA [Kneels, kisses slipper and hand of the Holy Father. Her eyes are bathed in tears as she looks into his face]: Most Holy Father, I have a great favor to ask of you.

[Holy Father bends his face.]

THERESA: Most Holy Father, in honor of your Jubilee, allow me to enter Carmel at 15.

VICAR GENERAL: Most Holy Father, this is a child who desires the life of Carmel, but the authorities are looking into the question already.

HOLY FATHER: Well then, my child, do whatever the authorities decide.

THERESA: [clasps her hands on his knee]:
O, Most Holy Father, if you would only say
"Yes," everyone would be willing.

HOLY FATHER: Come now . . . come now . . . you will enter if God wills it. [Holy Father presses his hand against her lips, blesses her and watches her out of sight as Papal Guards.lead her away.]

#### Later

Mr. Martin: Father Reverony, have you seen Theresa?

FATHER REVERONY: Not since her visit with Our Holy Father, Mr. Martin.

MR. MARTIN: I wish I could find her. I fear she needs me.

BROTHER SIMEON: What is it, Sir, could I be of any assistance?

Mr. Martin: I'm afraid not. You see my little girl, my little Queen as I call her wants to enter Carmel at 15 and the superiors claim that she is too young.

BROTHER SIMEON: That is rather a young age to enter Carmel.

MR. MARTIN: Perhaps the way we look at it she is and I told her so.

BROTHER SIMEON: And what did she say?
MR. MARTIN: She told me that she was not
too young for God. While at the Vatican she

BROTHER SIMEON: She did. May I ask what the answer was, Mr. Martin?

spoke to Our Holy Father.

MR. MARTIN: He told her that she would enter at 15 if it be God's holy Will.

BROTHER SIMEON: Thank you, Mr. Martin. I hope you won't mind my taking notes of this for an event of this type has never been seen in Italy.



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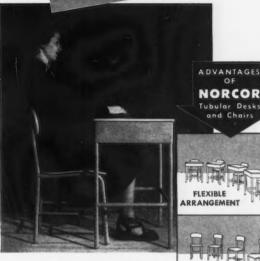
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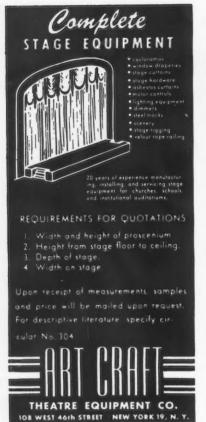
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